The Motivational Revolution

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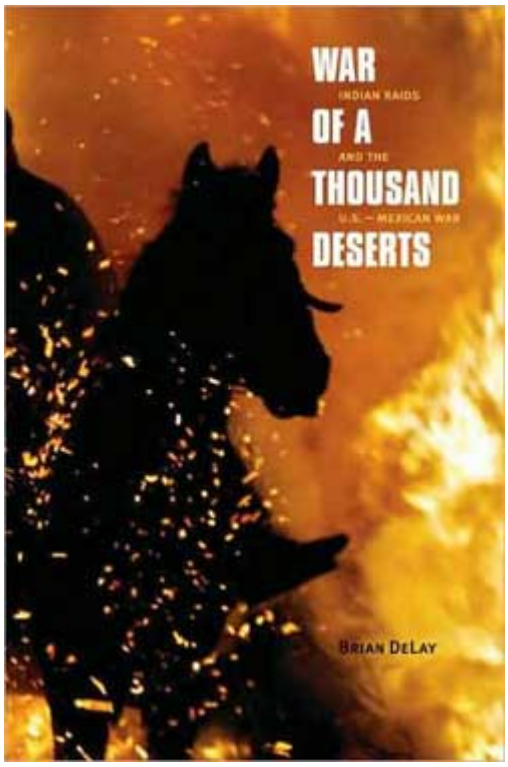
National Ambitions in Rural New England

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By the 1830s, Americans more confidently adopted a modern notion of the self—made through purely individualistic means in the market—and obscured its formation through familial, communal, and national ties.

Local Politics, Far-Reaching Consequences



In the inability of the Mexican government to halt the raids and force Indians into submission, many Americans saw further proof of Mexican inferiority and yet another indication of American destiny to take Mexican territory as its own.

A Feeling for History: Exploring Eighteenth-Century Emotion



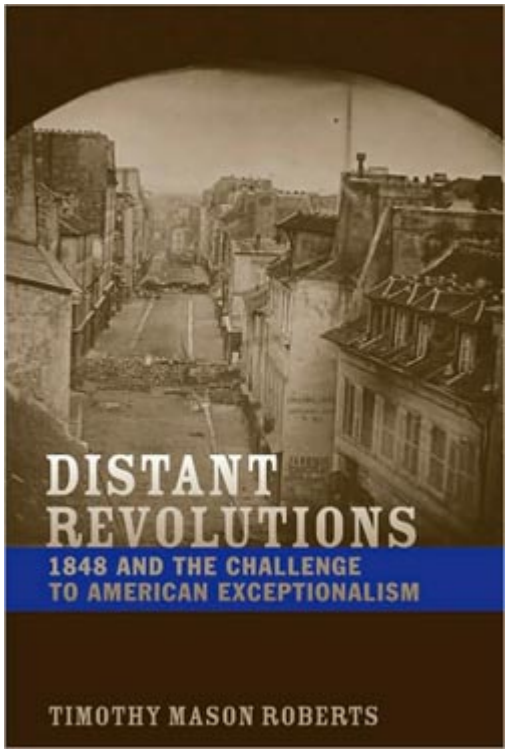
Resistant to quantification or even to classification, emotions are a slippery topic for any scholar at any time, and particularly so for historians.

Digital History



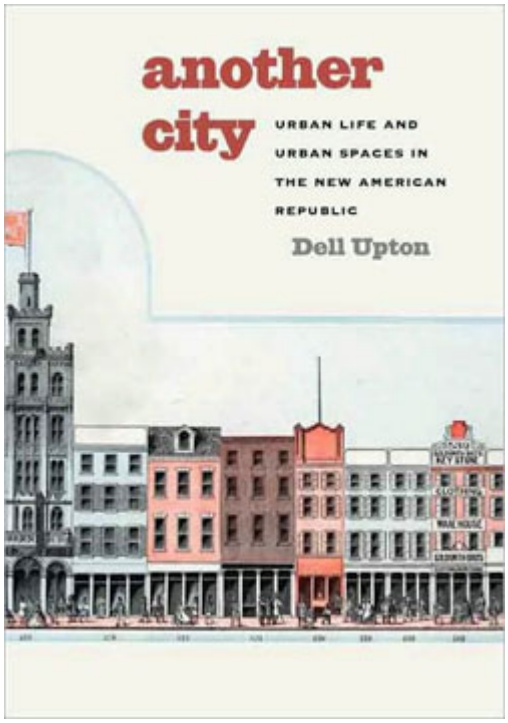
These documents cover the full range of the American past, from pre-Columbian societies to the present, and represent a wide variety of voices and experiences. Links to more than 600 images, dozens of audio files of speeches, over 150 landmark Supreme Court cases, newspaper articles from the New York Times archives, maps, and a database of annotated links to other collections on the Web are also included.

Think Globally, Reform Locally



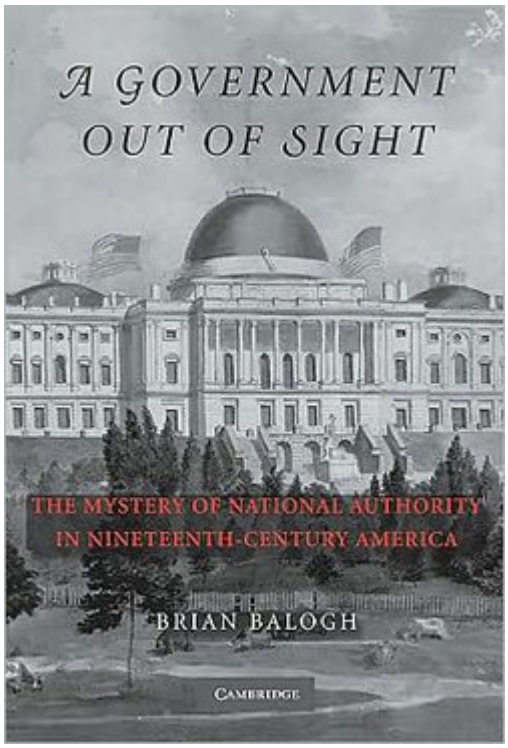
Should America serve solely as a model republic for others to emulate, or should it involve itself directly in their struggles?

The City as Lived



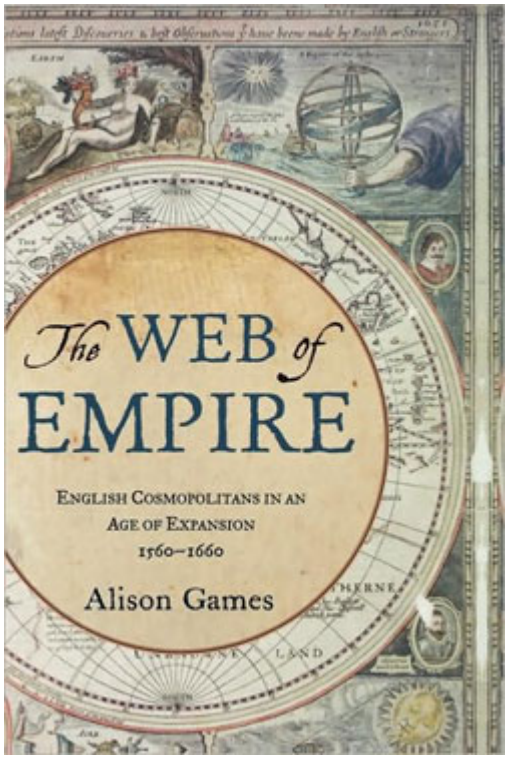
Antebellum American cities changed constantly, and were scenes of “perpetual ruin and repair”

Out of Sight, But on the Horizon: The Secret Life of the American Nation-State



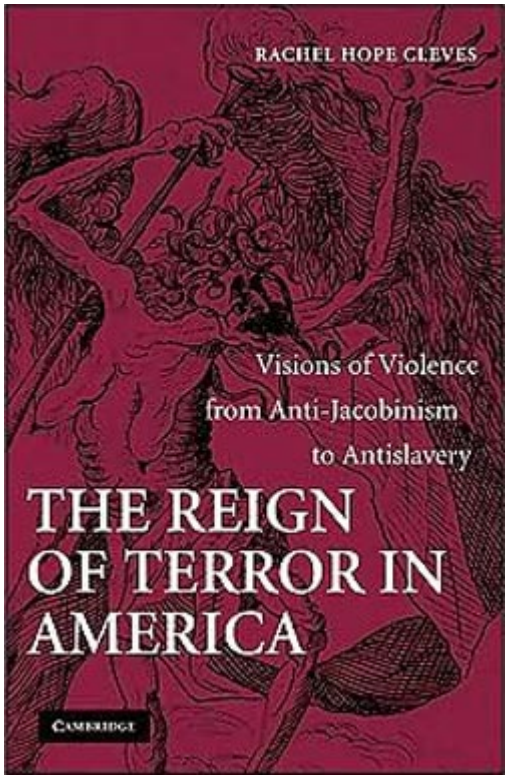
American appeals for government action were framed in terms of requests by liberal, self-interested individuals, rather than the older, public logic of republicanism.

Celebrating English Proto-Imperialism



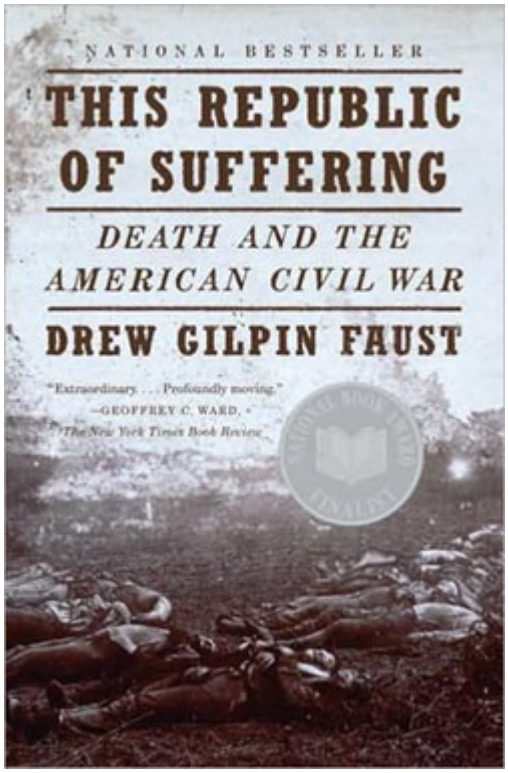
Capitalism and the state were not (and are not) separate and autonomous operations, and “free trade” was sometimes combined with military aggression.

The French Origins of American Perceptions of Violence



Revolutions in France and Haiti, or at least antislavery writers' use of them, hastened calls for immediate emancipation, the association of the South with violence and depravity, and the rise of American sectionalism.

Death's Multiple Meanings



Death changed America’s relationship with religion and philosophy, but the Civil War fatalities also created a new commodity: the dead.