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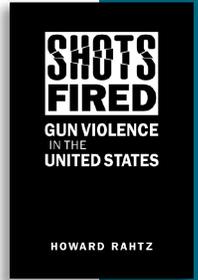
Howard Rahtz served for nearly two decades with the Cincinnati Police Department, retiring in 2007 as commander of the Vice Control Unit. He currently teaches at police academies in the area and speaks nationally on police reform.

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Avengers. PerSisters. The pink wave. And even badasses. These terms have been used to refer to the unprecedented number of female candidates who ran for elected office in the United States in 2018.

Barbara Burrell explores this phenomenon—in the context of women’s candidacies for election to the US House of Representatives—discussing who the women were, why they chose to run, the nature of their campaigns, and their legacy as reflected in the 2020 elections. Not least, her findings clearly challenge traditional perspectives on women’s quests for political leadership.

Barbara Burrell is professor emerita of political science at Northern Illinois University.

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Lori Cox Han and Caroline Heldman, editors

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Scholars and pundits alike have spent more than a little time speculating about why Hillary Clinton lost the presidency to Donald Trump in 2016. Their conclusions may differ, but few would disagree that Clinton’s nomination by a major party changed the political landscape in significant ways—nor that the results of the 2016 election provoked a large number of women to run for office at all levels of government. The genie is out of the bottle.

In this context, the authors of *Madam President?* critically analyze the barriers facing women on the road to the White House—from gender stereotyping to biased media coverage, the conflation of masculinity and the presidency, gendered conceptions of leadership, and more.

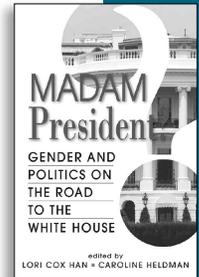
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Darren Tromblay answers these questions in his thorough, often provocative, assessment of post-9/11 US domestic intelligence activities in the pursuit of national security.

Darren E. Tromblay has served as an intelligence analyst with the US government since 2005.

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Melissa Graves

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Melissa Graves is assistant professor of intelligence studies at The Citadel.

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Elizabeth Beck is professor in the School of Social Work at Georgia State University. **Pamela C. Twiss** is professor of social work at the California University of Pennsylvania.

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A Critical Look at Food Insecurity

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“The authors ... do a powerful job arguing their essential case: that food insecurity is a problem of access and distribution more than it is a supply problem. [They] present a convincing case as to why policy makers and citizens should believe, and act, as if this is a solvable social problem.” —Choice

In the United States today, 50 million people don’t have enough food. How is this possible in one of the world’s wealthiest countries? Why hasn’t the problem been solved? Is it simply an economic issue? Challenging conventional wisdom, the authors of *Hunger in the Land of Plenty* explore the causes and consequences of food insecurity; assess some of the major policies and programs that have been designed to reduce it; and consider alternative paths forward.

The late **James D. Wright** was Provost’s Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus and Pegasus Professor Emeritus in the Department of Sociology at the University of Central Florida.

Amy Donley is associate professor of sociology at the University of Central Florida. **Sara Strickhouser Vega** is president of Vega Nguyen Research and also teaches sociology at Western Washington University.

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How do individuals move from being homeless to finding safe, stable, and secure places to live? Can we recreate the conditions that helped them most? What policies are needed to support what worked—and to remove common obstacles?

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Highlighting what we can learn from these personal stories, Rife and Burnes combine them with in-depth discussions of key themes and issues and point to the shifts necessary in current policy and practice that are essential if we are to effectively respond to a problem that has reached epic proportions.

Jamie Rife is cofounder and head of operations at Purposity. **Donald W. Burnes** is founder of and senior adviser to the Burnes Center on Poverty and Homelessness at the Colorado Center on Law and Poverty.

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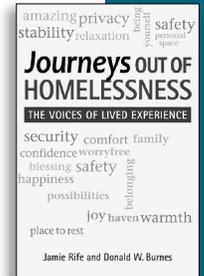
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Matthew R. Miles is associate professor of political science at Brigham Young University–Idaho.

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Kenneth Newton is professor emeritus of comparative politics at the University of Southampton.

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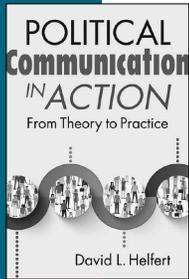
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James D. Boys is associate professor of international political studies at Richmond University, London.

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