

were expected of the men who had been ordained or were training for ordination.

In *The Archaeology of Gender* Wall examines the role of women in the separation of men's and women's spheres from the end of the Revolution to the 1830s in New York City. She addresses the question of when the home and the workplace became separated and is particularly interested in the role of women in creating the domestic sphere and in shaping the spatial separation between genders.

The changing social landscape of the city and the stylistic changes in public and private architecture reflecting and reinforcing those changes are shown. Wall also documents the changing composition of the household, addressing family size and new relationships between family and other household members as male employees moved out and female domestics moved in. The archeological data—remains of ceramic table and tea ware—provide a basis for discussing the ritualization of family meals and the importance of ritualized space and artifacts for negotiating the social place of a woman's home. Wall concludes that both women and men were active agents in creating the separate spheres.

Although she places her study in the context of a changing market economy and developing capitalism in the new Republic, Wall stops short of connecting these factors with the consumer choices that supplied the material for ritualizing the domestic sphere. Her decision to focus on the setting of the household is not inappropriate, however, and her data demonstrate how historical archeology brings a needed dimension to studies of consumer choice; that is, it provides information about what people actually used in their households and neighborhoods.

Wall makes effective use of many sources of data—ceramic remains, city directories, tax and census records, maps, and illustrations—to discuss a number of factors pertinent to gender-related cultural change. She provides an honest discussion of potential sampling problems with both her documentary and her archeological data. Her discussions of her data, methods, and logic are clear enough to be understandable and useful for several different disciplines. Wall ends (p. 163) with a quote from Foucault: "People know what they do; they frequently know why they do what they do; but what they don't know is what what they do does."

I can't think of a better reason for doing the kind of historical archeology shown in these two books. To raise awareness of our own histories—particularly of the details, the everyday choices, that affect who we have become and how we have defined the categories that divide us and according to which we live our daily lives—is to help



Vignettes: Titular Judgment

Starting in the mid-1980s, with the publication of the conservative theorist Allan Bloom's *The Closing of the American Mind: How Higher Education Has Failed Democracy and Impoverished the Souls of Today's Students*, there has been a steady stream of books insisting that the universities are letting the nation down. Their titles and subtitles tell the story: *Killing the Spirit: Higher Education in America*; *Profscam: Professors and the Demise of Higher Education*; *The Moral Collapse of the University*; *Inside American Education: The Decline, the Deception, the Dogmas*; *Illiberal Education: The Politics of Race and Sex on Campus*; *In the Company of Scholars: The Struggle for the Soul of Higher Education*; *Up the University*; and *Impostors in the Temple: American Intellectuals Are Destroying Our Universities and Cheating Our Students of Their Futures*. . . .

No one who reads this literature could mistake its intended audience. The argument is framed less to engage colleagues in a serious discussion than as a call to arms.

—Kenneth Prewitt, in *The Research University in a Time of Discontent*
(Jonathan R. Cole, Elinor G. Barber, and Stephen R. Graubard, Eds.; Johns Hopkins University Press)

Most of the attacks on the university are ostensibly criticisms of trends in scholarship; but their authors tend to know very little about these trends and don't waste much time examining them. What they do know is that readers find it easy to believe that people as profoundly professionalized as professors are insular, self-aggrandizing, politically motivated characters who have perfected a theoretical apparatus that conveniently excuses their using their positions to exercise power as they see fit. One of the titles of these books says it succinctly: "Tenured Radicals." Emphasis on *tenured*.

—Louis Menand, in "The Trashing of Professionalism,"
New York Times Magazine 5 March 1995

ourselves understand how what we do affects us and our future.

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Other Books of Interest

The Sipuncula. Their Systematics, Biology, and Evolution. EDWARD B. CUTLER. Comstock (Cornell University Press), Ithaca, NY, 1995. xx, 453 pp., illus. \$69.95 or £50.95.

This is a book "designed to bring together everything known about" its subject, a group, now considered a phylum, of unsegmented vermiform marine coelomates. More specifically, it is intended as "the first replacement" for the 1883 German monograph by Selenka *et al.* and as an updating and expansion of several more recent works in various languages. The introductory material in the volume includes a checklist of species and a glossary of anatomical terms as well as a brief historical

and biological summary of the group and information on techniques for handling specimens. Over 200 pages are then devoted to the systematics of the group, divided into six families (sipunculids, golfingiids, phascolionids, themistids, phascolosomatids, and aspidosiphonids) and 18 genera; a number of species are described individually, with information on distribution, and for others references are cited. Part 2 of the book is a review of sipunculan biology that covers the group's ecology, integument and muscle systems, coelomic cells and immune system, respiration, genetics, biochemistry, excretory, digestive, and nervous systems, and reproduction (which may be sexual or asexual) and regeneration. Part 3 is devoted to zoogeography and evolution. Here the author attempts to apply what is known about endemism and "centers of cladogenesis" to individual genera and describes a hypothetical ancestral sipunculan; he notes that material in this section is "descriptive and general" and somewhat speculative and expresses the hope that, given that the phylum is of "manageable size" for phylogenetic analysis, further work, especially applying biochemical and genetic approaches, will help to "unravel the re-

maining evolutionary mysteries." The work ends with appendixes listing species of uncertain affinity, a bibliography of some 900 entries, and taxonomic and subject indexes. The illustrations include line drawings and electron micrographs.

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The Biological Chemistry of Magnesium. J. A. COWAN, Ed. VCH, New York, 1995. xvi, 254 pp., illus. \$59.95.

Though magnesium ion is the fourth most abundant cation in cellular organisms, its biological chemistry has until recently been "viewed in terms that are simplistic" or even considered "just plain boring," according to the editor of this volume. The book is an attempt to demonstrate the importance of the problems to be addressed and the advances that have been spurred in the past few years by the "pivotal role" of magnesium in nucleic acid biochemistry. Cowan begins by offering an overview of the abundances of and forms taken by magnesium in the natural environment and in living organisms, its physicochemical properties, its biochemical roles, thermodynamic considerations, and the difficulties that the "general spectroscopic silence" it shares with other alkali and alkaline earth metals present for researchers. Methodological matters are more extensively dealt with in the next two chapters, in which T. Drakenberg reviews direct and indirect physical methods for studying Mg^{2+} biochemistry, considering detection, equilibria, kinetics, and data treatment, and A. Tevelev and Cowan discuss metal substitution as a probe. In chapter 4, D. Porschke, noting that Mg^{2+} is required for most biological processes involving polynucleotides, discusses the binding of the ion to single-stranded polynucleotides, to single-stranded oligonucleotides, and to the transfer RNA anticodon loop and describes the general dynamics of ion (Na^+) binding to double-helical DNA, which is not yet directly analyzable for Mg^{2+} . In a chapter that begins with the statement "RNA science inevitably becomes magnesium science," D. Smith gives an account of Mg^{2+} as the catalytic center of RNA enzymes. There follow two chapters in which C. B. Black and Cowan together discuss magnesium-dependent enzymes in nucleic acid biochemistry and in general metabolism. Cowan then discusses the binding of the ion to phosphates and sugars, various families of antibiotics, ionophores, and nucleic acids, and R. L. Smith and M. E. Maguire, considering Mg^{2+} transport systems from a molecular genetic point of view, report on their laboratory's recent work with *Salmonella typhimurium* and *Esch-*

erichia coli. In a final chapter A. Romani and A. Scarpa discuss regulation of cytosolic Mg^{2+} in the heart. Each chapter has its own reference list, and there is a subject index for the volume as a whole.

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