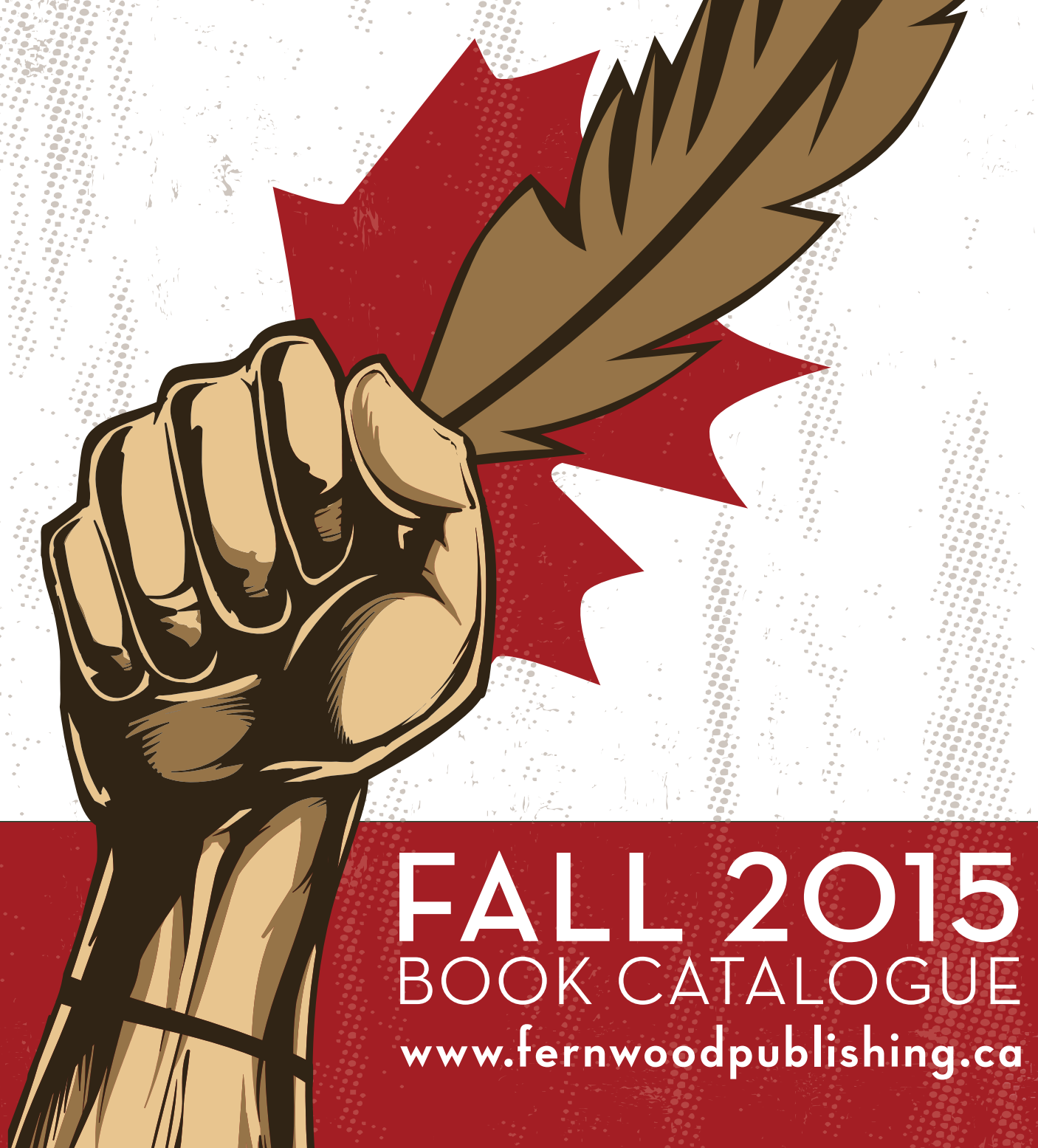


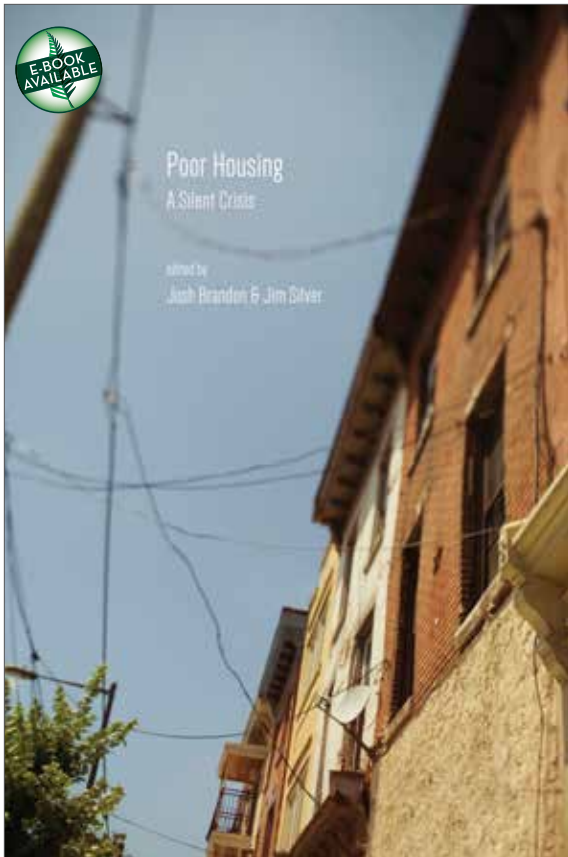


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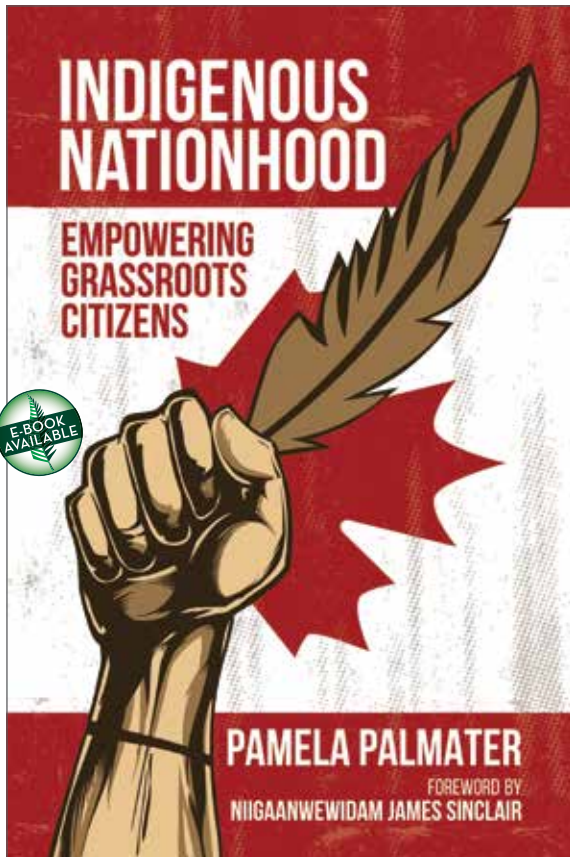
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Across Canada, there is a severe shortage of decent quality housing that is affordable to those with low incomes, and much of the housing that is available is inadequate, even appalling. The poor condition of housing for those below the poverty line adds to the weight of the complex poverty they already endure, which includes worsening health, adversely affected education and neighbourhoods that are more prone to crime and violence. Using Winnipeg, Manitoba, as an example, *Poor Housing* examines the real-life circumstances of low-income people who are forced to live in these conditions. Contributing authors examine some of the challenges faced by low-income people in poor housing, including difficulties with landlords who abuse their power, bedbugs, racism and discrimination and a wide range of other social and psychological effects. Other selections consider the particular housing problems faced by Aboriginal people and by newcomers to Winnipeg as well as the challenges faced by individuals living in rooming houses.

A central theme in the collection is that the private, for-profit housing market cannot meet the housing needs of low-income Canadians, and, therefore, governments must intervene and provide subsidies. But all levels of government have shown a consistent unwillingness to invest in decent housing for low-income people. The irony is that the social costs of poor housing and the complex poverty of which it is a part are almost certainly greater than the costs of investing in subsidized social housing and related anti-poverty measures.

Finally, the authors describe a number of creative and successful housing strategies for low-income people in Winnipeg, including Aboriginal housing co-ops, a revitalized 1960s-style public housing complex and a highly creative repurposing of an inner-city church into supported social housing. In these successful cases, communities and governments have worked cooperatively to good effect.

Josh Brandon is a community animator with the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg. He has written on housing issues for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and is a member of the Right to Housing Coalition in Winnipeg. Jim Silver is a professor and chair of the Department of Urban and Inner-City Studies at the University of Winnipeg. His research interests are in inner city, poverty-related issues. His most recent book is *About Canada: Poverty*.



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Empowering Grassroots Citizens

Pamela Palmater; Foreword by Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair

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"Through Palmater's relentless pursuit for justice and improved quality of life, she will undoubtedly set a new era for positive change for this country."

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"Palmater's blogs provide a glimpse of the deep complexities we face as indigenous peoples living in a colonial Canada. Her words are the articulation of this generation's frustration with Canadian colonial policy."

— Derek Nepinak, Grand Chief, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs

"This work is vital in terms of 'de-entrenching' a Canadian problem affecting an entire country — a colonial experiment gone bad. Pam's insights are important and reliable."

— Chief Isadore Day (Wiindawtegowinini), Serpent River First Nation

Indigenous Nationhood is a selection of blog posts by well-known lawyer, activist and academic Pamela Palmater. Palmater offers critical legal and political commentary and analysis on legislation, Aboriginal rights, Canadian politics, First Nations politics and social issues such as murdered and missing Indigenous women, poverty, economics, identity and culture. Palmater's writing tackles myths and stereotypes about Indigenous peoples head-on, discusses Indigenous nationhood and nation building, examines treaty rights and provides an accessible, critical analysis of laws and government policies being imposed on Indigenous peoples.

Fiercely anti-racist and anti-colonial, this book is intended to help rebuild the connections between Indigenous citizens and their home communities, local governments and Indigenous Nations for the benefit of future generations.

Pamela Palmater is Mi'kmaq from the Eel River Bar First Nation in northern New Brunswick. She has been a practising lawyer for sixteen years, working on treaties, land claims, self-government, economic development, policy development and intergovernmental relations, including at the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission as an investigator of human rights complaints. She is an associate professor and chair in Indigenous governance at Ryerson University.



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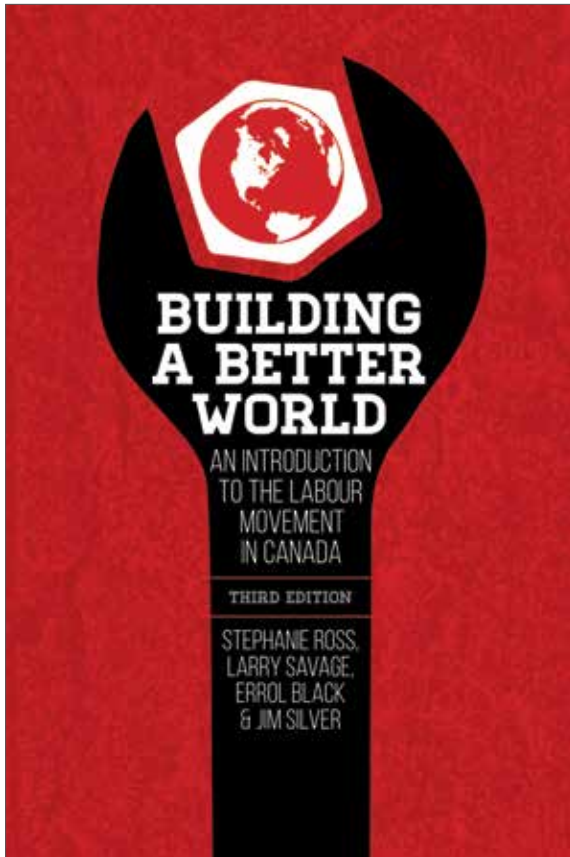
Gespe'gewa'gi Mi'gmawei Mawiomi

Nta'tugwaqanminen provides evidence that the Mi'gmaq of the Gespe'gewa'gi (Northern New Brunswick and the Gaspé Peninsula) have occupied their territory since time immemorial. They were the sole occupants of it prior to European settlement and occupied it on a continuous basis. This book was written through an alliance between the Mi'gmaq of Northern Gespe'gewa'gi (Gaspé Peninsula), their Elders and a group of eminent researchers in the field with the aim of reclaiming their history, both oral and written, in the context of what is known as knowledge re-appropriation. It also provides non-Aboriginal peoples with a view of how Mi'gmaq history looks when it is written from an Indigenous perspective.

There are two voices in the book — that of the Mi'gmaq of the Gespe'gewa'gi, including the Elders, as they act as narrators of the collective history, and that of the researchers, who studied all possible aspects of this history, including advanced investigation on place names as indicators of migration patterns.

Nta'tugwaqanminen speaks of the Gespe'gewa'gi Mi'gmaq vision, history, relation to the land, past and present occupation of the territory and their place names and what they reveal in terms of ancient territorial occupation. It speaks of the treaties they agreed to with the British Crown, the respect of these treaties on the part of the Mi'gmaq people and the disrespect of them from the various levels of governments. This book speaks about the dispossession the Mi'gmaq of Gespe'gewa'gi had to endure while the European settlers illegally occupied and developed the Gaspé Peninsula to their own advantage and the rights and titles the Mi'gmaq people still have on their lands.

The Gespe'gewa'gi Mi'gmawei Mawiomi is the organization that represents the three communities of the northern part of Gespe'gewa'gi. Research associates Richard Jeannotte and Donald Jeannotte, both Gespe'gewa'gi Mi'gmaqs, and Danielle E. Cyr, senior scholar at York University, wrote the seven first chapters. Troy Jerome, current Mi'gmawei Mawiomi Secretariat Executive Director / Nutewistoq wrote Chapter 8.



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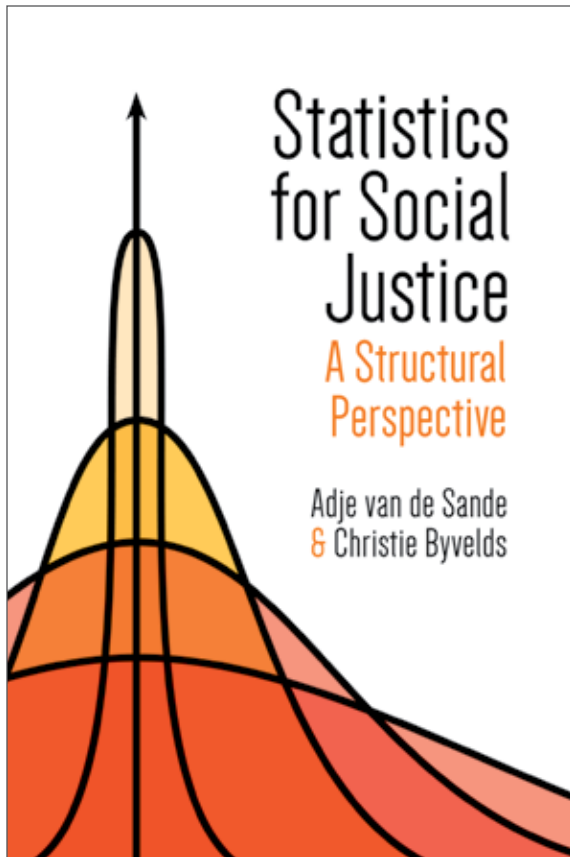
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Stephanie Ross is associate professor of work and labour studies and co-director of the Global Labour Research Centre at York University. Larry Savage is director of the Centre for Labour Studies at Brock University. Errol Black was a professor, activist and city councillor who wrote about politics, economics and labour, including the first two editions of *Building a Better World*. Jim Silver is professor and chair of the Department of Urban and Inner-City Studies at the University of Winnipeg.



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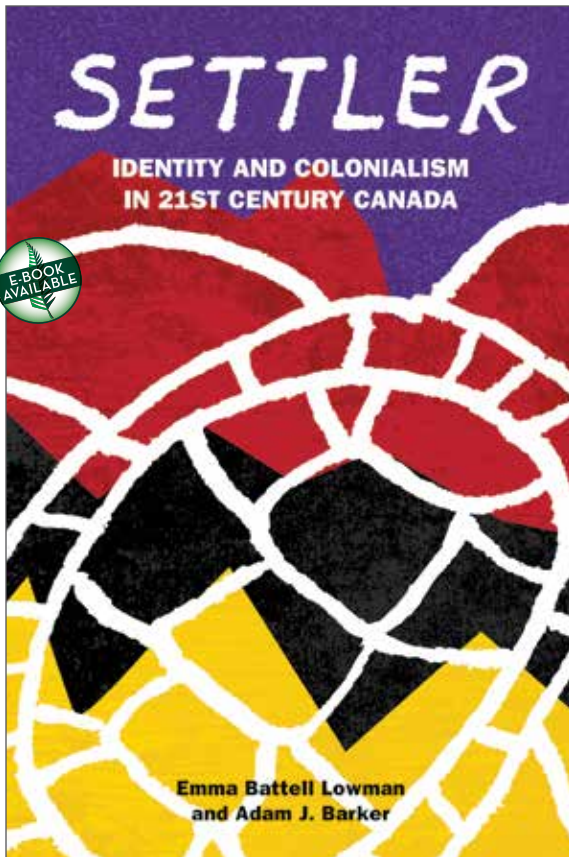
A Structural Perspective

Adje van de Sande & Christie Byvelds

For the last several decades, social work curricula have included research as a required course at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The few social work texts on statistics that exist are written from a mainstream perspective and do not challenge the current neoliberal social order. In *Statistics for Social Justice: A Structural Perspective*, van de Sande and Byvelds argue that social work research, including statistics, should be taught from a structural perspective and should follow anti-oppressive principles, which view the problems experienced by people as rooted in the social, political and economic structures of society. Just as social workers are committed to social justice and social change, so too should be the aim of social work research.

In order for researchers to convince funders, the government or even the general public to accept their arguments, it is crucial to provide hard evidence in the form of numbers and statistics. Social workers must have a good understanding of quantitative research methods and statistical analysis in order to be able to present this kind of information. The aim of this book is to lay the foundation for this knowledge and provide an introduction into statistical concepts as they relate to social work, all while using a social justice lens.

Adje van de Sande is an associate professor at the School of Social Work at Carleton University. He is the principal author of *Research for Social Justice: A Community-Based Approach*. Christie Byvelds is a registered social worker and teaches with the School of Social Work at Carleton University. She also practices both clinically and as a private research consultant.



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Identity and Colonialism in 21st Century Canada

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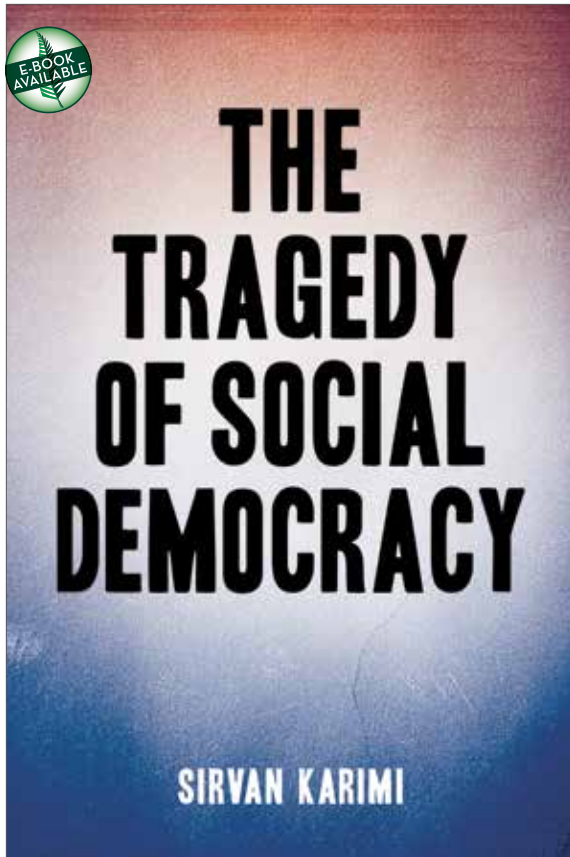
"Both callous and empathetic approaches to indigenous dysfunction have always focused on the Indian 'problem.' And yet, settler colonialism as a mode of domination is fundamentally constituted by the unequal relationship between indigenous and non-indigenous collectives. This book finally focuses on the real 'problem.' It was hidden in plain sight all along: the settler."

— Lorenzo Veracini, associate professor of history and politics, Swinburne University of Technology, author of *Settler Colonialism*

Canadians, despite our reputation for liberalism, multiculturalism and friendliness, remain deeply entangled in the violence of colonialism. The "Indian problem" continues to occupy the attention of political leaders across the nation, and from the comment sections of online news sites to the streets of Edmonton or Thunder Bay, Canadians too often respond with violence, prejudice and fear. In *Settler*, Barker and Battell Lowman declare that Canada does not have an "Indian problem," but rather that Canada has a Settler problem: the large majority of Canadians are Settler people; their diverse pasts and collective presents are rooted in stolen land, and their identities are dependent on settler colonialism, which seeks no less than the elimination of Indigenous identities.

Providing a comprehensive but accessible look at the relationships between Canada and Indigenous nations, this book re-examines the taken-for-granted narratives of "peaceful" Canadian settlement and asserts that colonization, far from being absent or over, actually defines contemporary political, economic and cultural life in Canada. Indeed, decolonization, the authors argue, is a pathway to a radically different future for Settlers, and for Canada as a whole. Settler Canadians have the opportunity and responsibility to find new ways of being on the land with respect for resurgent Indigenous nationhood.

Emma Battell Lowman has a PhD in sociology and history from the University of Warwick, UK, and holds an MA in history from the University of Victoria. She is a trans-Atlantic Settler of both Canadian and British nationalities. Adam J. Barker holds a PhD in human geography from the University of Leicester, UK, and an MA in Indigenous Governance from the University of Victoria. He is a Settler Canadian originally from the borderlands of Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe territory near Hamilton, Ontario.



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Sohki Aski Esquao [Jeannine Carrière] is a Métis woman originally from the Red River area of Manitoba. She is a professor at the University of Victoria's School of Social Work in the Indigenous Specialization. Susan Strega is a professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Victoria.



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The cases in *Citizen-Led Innovation for a New Economy* explore urban and rural initiatives among citizens in ethnically diverse settings — First Nations, Inuit, Latino, African American, predominantly white and mixed communities — where self-organized efforts to bring about change have generated innovation in economic and social life. Innovation in these cases means a new way of working, tying economic justice to the creation of multiple types of environmental, economic and social assets or forms of wealth. They are stories of individuals working together to challenge the short-term focus of political leadership by taking action for the sake of future generations.

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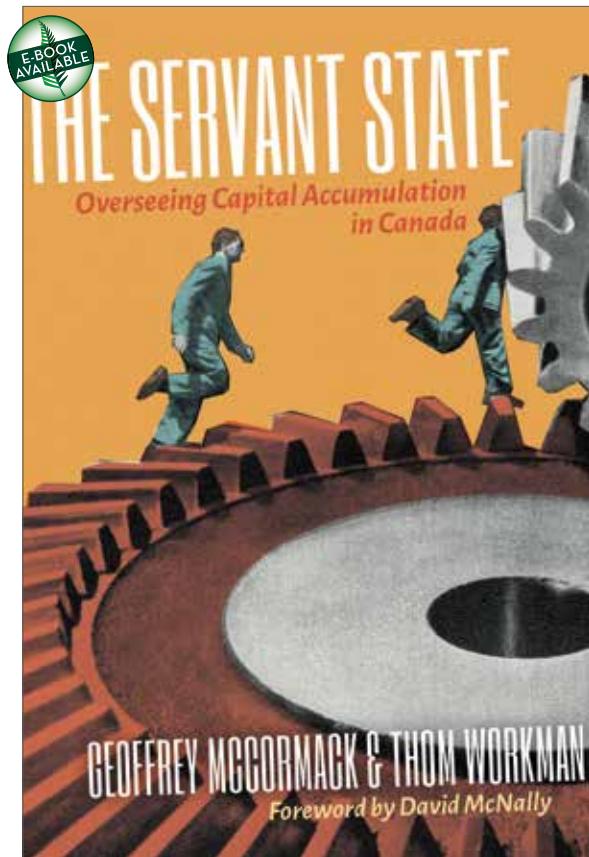
Indigenous Resistance and Resurgence

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More Will Sing Their Way to Freedom is about Indigenous resistance and resurgence across lands and waters claimed by Canada. Both Indigenous and non-Indigenous contributors describe and analyze struggles against contemporary colonialism by the Canadian state and, more broadly, against the global colonial-capitalist system. Resistance includes Indigenous survival against centuries of genocidal policies and the on-going dispossession and destruction of Indigenous lands and waters. Resurgence is the re-invention of diverse Indigenous ways of being, knowing and doing in politics, economics, the arts, research and all realms of life.

The underlying argument of *More Will Sing Their Way to Freedom* is that colonial-capitalism is a historical fact but not an inevitability. By analyzing and detailing various forms of Indigenous resistance and resurgence, the authors here describe practices and visions that prefigure a possible world where there is justice for Indigenous peoples and renewed healthy relationships with "all our relations."

Elaine Coburn is a researcher in sociology at the American University of Paris and at the Centre d'analyse et d'intervention sociologiques (CADIS) at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) in Paris, France. She was formerly the editor of the peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary online journal *Socialist Studies*.



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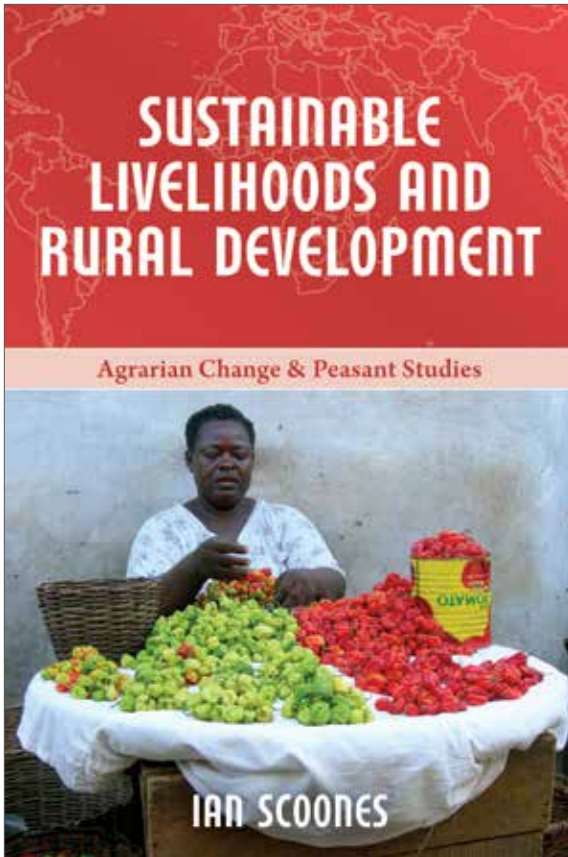
Geoffrey McCormack & Thom Workman;

Foreword by David McNally

The global financial and industrial turmoil of recent years has once more brought the crisis-prone nature of the capitalist system to the forefront. In the context of economic stagnation and the retreat of working-class organizations and leadership, the rich and powerful around the world have redoubled their attack on the poor through neoliberal policies and austerity measures.

McCormack and Workman's study is informed by a theoretical sensitivity to capitalism's immanent tendencies towards crisis. It is within this framework that they analyze the machinations of the capitalist state as it responds to capitalist crises in each historical period and manoeuvres to optimize capital accumulation. From this standpoint, it is easier to grasp the unfolding of history, as the capitalist state oversees capital accumulation through various periods like early postwar Keynesianism, the rise of neoliberalism and now austerity. This understanding helps us to see that while reforms may change the visible landscape, the actions and policies of the capitalist state are always directed at achieving the same goal. In *The Servant State: Overseeing Capital Accumulation in Canada*, McCormack and Workman explore Canada's experience through the "age of austerity" and highlight how this experience has been shaped by the specific way capitalist development has unfolded in Canada and the role of the state in this process. The analytical standpoint is not that of the oppressed *per se*, but rather that of capitalism as a whole. They share the condemnation of the capitalist establishment, are appalled by the greed and avarice of the ruling elite and despair at the obscenities of the age; however, the critical spirit of their study is imbued less with a mood of indignation and more with assumptions and sensitivities about the inner tendencies of capitalism and the supportive role of the state. The struggle against contemporary excess and horror must be framed with reference to the immuring tendencies of the capitalist order of things.

Geoffrey McCormack is an assistant professor of political science and global studies at Wheelock College in Boston. Thom Workman is a professor of political science at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.



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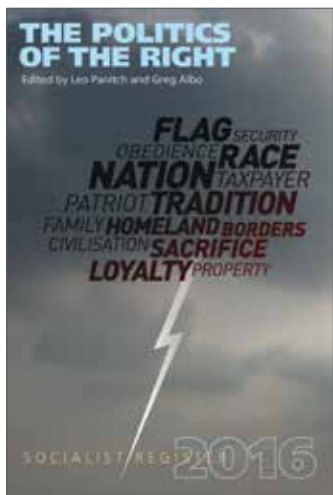
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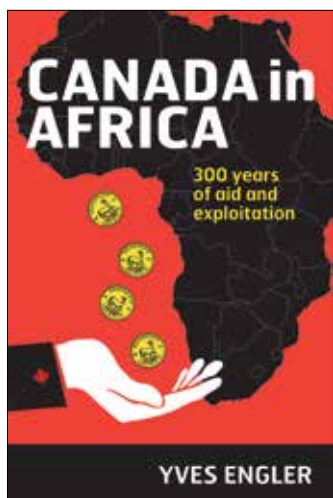
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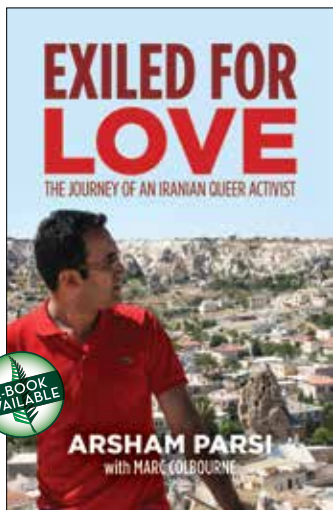
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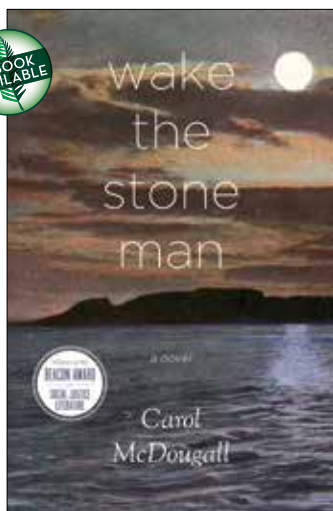
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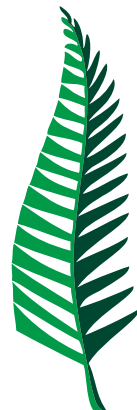
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