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A SAMPLING OF BOOKS BASED ON RESEARCH IN THE COLLECTIONS

CHANGE

In Female Alliances: Gender, Identity, and Friendship in Early Modern Britain (Yale University Press, 2014), Amanda E. Herbert shows the importance of bonds formed between British women during the late 17th and early 18th centuries, when cultural, economic, and political changes placed strains on British society. While these alliances were central to women’s lives, writes Herbert, they were also instrumental in building the British Atlantic world. | A volume of 14 essays covers the fissures and connections that developed both within and between social groups in England during this same period. Remaking English Society: Social Relations and Social Change in Early Modern England (Boydell, 2013)—edited by Steve Hindle (The Huntington’s research director), Alexandra Shepard, and John Walter—represents the latest research on gender relations and sexuality; governance and litigation; class and deference; labor relations, neighborhood, and reciprocity; and social status and consumption.

LAW AND DISORDER

Historian Tom Sitton mined the extensive Los Angeles county records now kept at The Huntington to write this meticulous study of L.A. county government during California’s first century of statehood. The Courthouse Crowd: Los Angeles County and Its Government, 1850–1950 (Historical Society of Southern California, 2013) shows how the government functioned best by building a tradition of compromise. | After the end of the War of Austrian Succession in 1748, thousands of unemployed and sometimes unemployable soldiers and seamen found themselves on the streets of London, ready to roister the town and steal when necessary. In Mayhem: Post-War Crime and Violence in Britain, 1748–55 (Yale University Press, 2013), historian Nicholas Rogers explores the moral panic associated with this rapid demobilization.

EXPLORING FRONTIERS

In Freedom’s Frontier: California and the Struggle over Unfree Labor, Emancipation, and Reconstruction (University of North Carolina Press, 2013), Stacey L. Smith demonstrates how California played a significant role in the struggles over slavery during the Civil War era and Reconstruction. Political and legal debates over freedom extended to conflicts over American Indian indenture and Latino and Chinese contract labor. | David M. Wrobel situates the American frontier in a global context in Global West, American Frontier: Travel, Empire, and Exceptionalism from Manifest Destiny to the Great Depression (University of New Mexico Press, 2013). Wrobel overturns a variety of popular and academic stereotypes about the West by scrutinizing both well-known and obscure European and American travelers’ accounts.

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