



Pointing out that parenting tasks, however universal, take on a variety of forms and styles according to the unique characteristics and behavior of both mother and infant, Stern argues that such inter-subjectivity is critical in creative fields, e.g., music and choreography. Whereas a musician has a score and dancers and actors have "scripts," the director designs the performance in such a way as to stimulate the audience: the script or score is the content, the performance is the style. Extending this notion to psychotherapy, Stern contends that what is said is the structure, how it is said is the style. He argues that stylistic elements of a therapeutic exchange (inter-subjectivity) may provide a broader, more valid and appropriate understanding of a client's concerns than can be gained through verbal expression (intra-subjectivity). This is a stimulating, well-reasoned book, and its radical approach bears examination by those who are interested or involved in psychotherapy. **Summing Up:** Recommended. ★★ Upper-division undergraduates through faculty and professionals.—*D. Sydiaha, emeritus, University of Saskatchewan*

Sociology

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Ali, Syed. **Dubai: gilded cage.** Yale, 2010. 240p bibl index afp ISBN 9780300152173 pbk, \$20.00

Dubai is the latest fast-growing megalopolis emerging in the least expected place in the world: the tiny country of the United Arab Emirates. What and who made it possible? How was it done? Who are winners and losers in this latest capitalist development built by expatriate labor without adequate sociopolitical rights? Basing his book on an ethnographic study conducted in 2006, sociologist Ali (Long Island Univ.) explores the contradictions of this new site of hypergrowth, conspicuous consumption, sexploitation, and super exploitation of expatriate labor—a place whose staggering growth, cheap consumer products, and dynamic, diverse sex market blind its local and foreign beneficiaries to the misery and pain caused by its labor and visa policies. Despite a biased choice of "Arabian Gulf" for historical "Persian Gulf" (and not even "Gulf," in order to avoid the nationalistic controversy), the book offers a balanced account and analysis of the luminal life of expatriate families in Dubai and what might lie ahead for them. While exposing the shortcomings and failures of the existing politico-economic structures of this megacity, the author is less pessimistic than the emirate's critics about its future as an economic oasis in the region. **Summing Up:** Recommended. ★★ All levels/libraries.—*A. Mahdi, emeritus, Ohio Wesleyan University*

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Being young and Muslim: new cultural politics in the global south and north, ed. by Linda Herrera and Asef Bayat. Oxford, 2010. 428p bibl index afp ISBN 9780195369205, \$99.00; ISBN 9780195369212 pbk, \$29.95

A rich volume mostly originating from two international workshops in Europe, this book brings together 20 articles about Muslim youth in the Netherlands, Britain, France, Germany, the US, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Turkey, Palestine, Egypt, Morocco, The Gambia, Cameroon, Indonesia, and Thailand. Chapters cover topics as wide as the distance between these countries: politics, religion, social life, sexuality and gender, migration and citizenship, identity and culture, and music. Despite this diversity of topics and geography, the authors examine the challenges and complexities of being

Muslim in a world of global subjectivity, mobility and communication, politics of rights and citizenship, and the clash of cultures, religions, and identities. They interrogate the relationship between Western modernity, Islamic identity, and national and communal cultural expectations where young Muslims appropriate and adapt these forces creatively to their own youthful energy, needs, and imaginations. The editors' introduction and conclusion tie these diverse thematic and geographic manifestations in an excellent sociological narrative grounded in modern sociological and cultural theories. A comparative analysis of a set of specific issues in the countries covered would have offered a sense of similarities and differences, as well as limitations, of similar processes in different contexts. **Summing Up:** Highly recommended. ★★★ Upper-division undergraduates and above.—*A. Mahdi, emeritus, Ohio Wesleyan University*

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Christerson, Brad. **Growing up in America: the power of race in the lives of teens,** by Brad Christerson, Korie L. Edwards, and Richard Flory. Stanford, 2010. 201p bibl index afp ISBN 9780804760515, \$60.00; ISBN 9780804760522 pbk, \$21.95

In this welcome addition to literature related to race and ethnicity, sociologists Christerson (Biola Univ.), Edwards (Ohio State), and Flory (Univ. of Southern California) examine the experiences of youth, aged 13-17, to understand racialized outcomes. The text is about capital portfolios, socialization and agents of socialization, family, peers, school, and religion. The authors use a multi-method approach. The work's strength is the use of not only secondary data, but also interview data. The interviews add richness to the work; the youth describe their experiences and perceptions about each institution. The authors find that youth socialization experiences follow distinct racial and ethnic patterns within families, schools, religious organizations, and peer groups. Further, the patterns cut across class and geographic lines, impacting the quality of teens' lives as their lives change as adults. The authors conclude that race matters in how individuals are prepared for participation in the US social system. Appropriate at all levels, this work can be used in a variety of sociology courses, such as introduction to sociology, research methods, social statistics, race/ethnicity, and childhood and youth.

Summing Up: Recommended. ★★ All levels/libraries.—*A. A. Hodge, Buffalo State College*

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The Crisis of caregiving: social welfare policy in the United States, ed. by Betty Reid Mandell. Palgrave Macmillan, 2010. 268p index ISBN 9780230622616, \$90.00

US society devalues caregiving. Examining such issues as adoption, foster care, homelessness, parental leave, and incarceration, editor Mandell, who wrote or co-wrote most of the chapters, argues that the US is a "reactive welfare state." The country accepts poverty and rejects prevention, leading to enormous costs, both human and financial. In a well-documented, comparative, and readable text, Mandell lays out what works and what does not. Federally run Social Security and Medicare have uniform criteria and are better run than Medicaid, which requires state contributions. Increasingly, care—about \$20 billion yearly—is contracted to private vendors, who are less effective, seek easier clients, and frequently propagate corruption. Many children wind up in foster care/adoption, when social and economic supports could maintain many families. What to do? Such programs as single-payer health insurance, universal child care, raising/supplementing low wages, and unionizing workers would go far in creating a better society. An appendix listing