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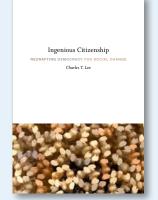
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SPOTLIGHT

Ingenious Citizenship: Recrafting Democracy for Social Change Charles T. Lee Duke University Press

From the Author: In Ingenious Citizenship Charles T. Lee centers the daily experiences and actions of migrant domestic workers, sex workers, transgender people, and suicide bombers in his rethinking of mainstream models of social change. Bridging cultural and political theory with ethnographic sources, Lee shows how these abject populations find ingenious and improvisational ways to disrupt and appropriate practices of liberal citizenship. When voting and other forms of civic engagement



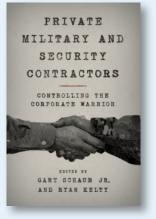
are unavailable or ineffective, the subversive acts of a domestic worker breaking a dish or a prostitute using the strategies and language of an entrepreneur challenge the accepted norms of political action. Using these examples to critically reinterpret political agency, citizenship practices, and social transformation, this book offers crucial lessons in how to turn even the worst conditions and the most unstable positions in society into footholds for transformative and democratic agency.

Charles T. Lee is associate professor of justice and social inquiry in the school of social transformation at Arizona State University. His work spans the fields of political theory, cultural theory, critical race and gender studies, and critical citizenship studies.

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Private Military and Security Contractors: Controlling the Corporate Warrior Gary Schaub, Jr. and Ryan Kelty Rowman and Littlefield

From the Author: A multinational and interdisciplinary team of experts critically examine formal and informal means of controlling private military and security contractors. This theoretically informed work synthesizes micro- to macrolevels of analysis to reveal a multi-layered tapestry of oversight and control deriving from social psychology, industry self-regulation, national oversight, and international law in principle and in national case studies of the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, South Africa, and Israel.



Gary Schaub, Jr. is a senior researcher at the Centre for Military Studies at the University of Copenhagen. He previously has served on the faculty of the Air War College, the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, and holds a PhD from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs of the University of Pittsburgh.

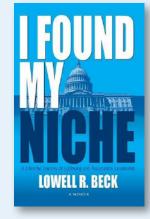
Ryan Kelty is an associate professor and chair of the department of sociology at Washington College. He previously has served on the faculty of the United States Military Academy at West Point and holds a PhD in sociology from the University of Maryland.

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From the Author: In *I Found My Niche*, Beck writes about his role as a lobbyist and association executive during from the 1960s into the '90s when the US was seriously challenged internationally and domestically. He points out that lobbying, regardless of some publicized bad actors, is a respectable and even necessary part of government. He describes his work on numerous issues, including the adoption of the Twenty-Fifth and Twenty-Sixth Amendments, and securing the mandating of vehicle airbags.



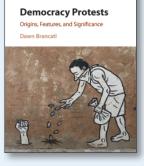
An important lesson in this book, particularly for younger people, is how fortunate it is to "find your niche" in life. Beck found his, but hadn't planned on it, even while in law school. Urged by his family, this is his memoir of how he found his life's work, and how fulfilling that can be.

Lowell R. Beck taught in the political science department at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and had a long career as a lobbyist and association executive, serving as deputy executive director of the American Bar Association, founding executive director of Common Cause, and president of the National Association of Independent Insurers.

SPOTLIGHT

Democracy Protests: Origins, Features, and Significance Dawn Brancati Cambridge University Press

From the Author: In Democracy Protests, Brancati examines why democracy protests emerge in some countries at certain times, but not in others, and why governments accommodate these protests, undertaking sweeping reforms in some cases, and in others find ways to suppress them. She argues that crises increase discontent with governments, and authoritarianism in particular, and also increase support for opposition candidates who are more likely to organize protests, especially during election



periods. Economic crises are also shown to create chances for opportunists to capitalize on anti-regime sentiment and mobilize support against governments. However, if crises are severe and protests concomitantly large, governments are likely to be compelled to make accommodations with protestors, regardless of their likelihood of retaining office. Brancati's argument rests on a rich statistical analysis of the causes and consequences of democracy pro tests around the globe between 1989 and 2011, combined with qualitative case studies.

Dawn Brancati is visiting scholar at Columbia University, Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies. She teaches on civil war and peace, research design and methods, and democratization.

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