

and patients' perceptions of their now variegated healing options.

Shyness: Development, Consolidation, and Change, edited by **W. Ray Crozier**. New York: Routledge, 2000. 239 pp. \$90.00 cloth. ISBN: 0-415-22432-2.

This volume offers a multiperspective review of contemporary psychological research into shyness, including explorations of the relationship between inhibition in infancy and later in life, the psychophysiology of shyness and blushing, and the impact of shyness on interpersonal relationships and coping strategies.

Worlds Apart: Race in the Modern Period, by **O. R. Dathorne**. Westport, CT: Bergin & Garvey, 2001. 232 pp. \$59.95 cloth. ISBN: 0-89789-722-6.

Asserting blacks were repeatedly regarded in literature as marginalized others long before their advent in Europe and other world regions, Dathorne argues that as the English language evolved, words like "darkness" and "blackness" increasingly became charged with negative connotations. He also considers how the negative aspects of blackness have been translated to Native Americans, Indians from India, South Pacific Islanders, and others.

Political Power and Social Theory, Vol. 14, edited by **Diane E. Davis**. New York: JAI, 2000. 345 pp. \$89.00 cloth. ISBN: 0-7623-0763-3.

This volume examines the impact of race and class on political and economic organization, offering both historical and contemporary analyses of the relations between race, class, ethnicity and nationalism, space, and territory. Several essayists question the relevance of class-based models and urge a rethinking of class, proposing that class analysis should consider recent social changes.

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Social Policy and Aging: A Critical Perspective, by **Carroll L. Estes**. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2001. 286 pp. \$61.00 cloth. ISBN: 0-8039-7346-2. \$29.95 paper. ISBN: 0-8039-7347-0.

Estes offers an assessment of the political economy of aging, addressing globalization, developments in healthcare restructuring, long-term care, and social security privatizing, with attention to issues of race, class, and gender, and combines social gerontological theory and theoretical advances with work on the welfare state.

Prisoners' Rights: The Supreme Court and Evolving Standards of Decency, by **John A. Fliter**. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2000. 240 pp. \$65.00 cloth. ISBN: 0-313-31475-6.

Employing both historical and political perspectives, Fliter details the doctrinal development of the prisoners' constitutional rights from the pre-Warren Court through the current Rehnquist Court, contending that justices do not simply vote their policy preferences but seek to influence their colleagues and the broader legal community.

Theories for Practice: Symbolic Interactionist Translations, by **James A. Forte**. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2001. 494 pp. \$68.00 cloth. ISBN: 0-7618-2025-6.

Forte argues that theory users cannot afford disciplinary chauvinism but must borrow from many different traditions. He draws from psychology, sociology, economics, biology, the cognitive sciences and other disciplines as they contribute to the practical understanding of social membership processes to provide an overview of the theoretical language used in symbolic interactionism.