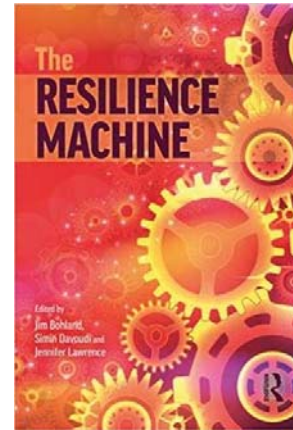
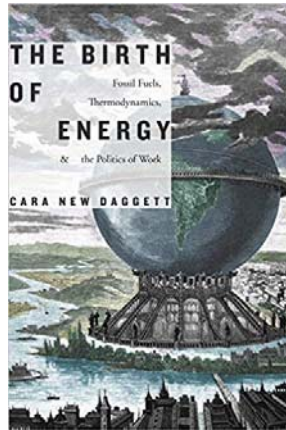
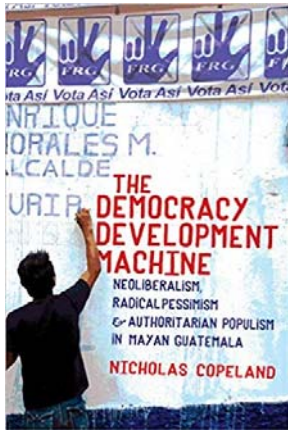


## ASPECT Faculty Authors' Book Presentations

Newman Library Multipurpose Room  
Tuesday, October 15, 2019  
4:00—6:00 p.m.



### Nicholas Copeland

*The Democracy Development Machine: Neoliberalism, Radical Pessimism, and Authoritarian Populism in Mayan Guatemala*  
Cornell University Press, 2019

*Nicholas Copeland sheds new light on rural politics in Guatemala and across neoliberal and post-conflict settings in The Democracy Development Machine. This historical ethnography examines how governmentalized spaces of democracy and development fell short, enabling and disfiguring an ethnic Mayan resurgence...Copeland explores alternative ways of imagining liberal democracy and economic and social amelioration in a traumatized and highly unequal society as it strives to transition from war and authoritarian rule to open elections and free-market democracy.*

### Cara Daggett

*The Birth of Energy: Fossil Fuels, Thermodynamics, and the Politics of Work*  
Duke University Press Books, 2019

*In The Birth of Energy Cara Daggett traces the genealogy of contemporary notions of energy back to the nineteenth-century science of thermodynamics to challenge the underlying logic that informs today's uses of energy...By systematically excavating the historical connection between energy and work, Daggett argues that only by transforming the politics of work—most notably, the veneration of waged work—will we be able to confront the Anthropocene's energy problem. Substituting one source of energy for another will not ensure a habitable planet; rather, the concepts of energy and work themselves must be decoupled.*

### Jennifer Lawrence and Jim Bohland (ed. with Simin Davoudi)

*The Resilience Machine*  
Routledge, 2018

*Bringing together authors from multiple disciplines and different parts of the world, The Resilience Machine unmasks the often invisible effects of resilience strategies by examining ways in which neoliberal mentalities are fed through the rhetoric of resilience practices, policies and development projects. The contributing essays provide provocative accounts of several areas of inquiry, including biopolitics and smart bodies, resilient cities and communities, urban planning and disaster management, justice and vulnerability, and resistance to resilience. Holding out hope for critical potentials in 'resilience,' The Resilience Machine proposes to move beyond mechanisms of adaptation and into imagining what resilient life could look like in a more just, equitable and democratic world.*