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## WALT WHITMAN: A CURRENT BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Blake, David Haven. "Checking in with Walt Whitman." *Philadelphia Inquirer* (April 25, 2010). [Review of C. K. Williams, *On Whitman*.]
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- Boorse, Michael J., ed. *Conversations* (Fall/Winter 2009-2010). [Newsletter of the Walt Whitman Association, Camden, NJ, with news of Association events, and with two articles, listed separately in this bibliography; this issue also contains the winning entries in the Association's high school poetry contest and an announcement that the groundbreaking for the new Walt Whitman House Visitor Center will take place in December 2010.]
- Bradford, Adam. "Re-Collecting Soldiers: Walt Whitman and the Appreciation of Human Value." *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review* 27 (Winter 2010), 127-152. [Argues that, "drawing on his notebooks, Whitman went to work to generate a poetic project, *Drum-Taps*, which would not merely represent the war while arguing his broader social and political ideologies, but would create a textual means of reaching the dead—imaginatively recovering them and acknowledging their innate human value in contradistinction to the destructive processes of war"; examines the significance of Whitman's decision to record individual and specific soldiers in his Civil War prose but to offer "anonymous representations of actual Civil War soldiers" in his poetry, allowing "virtually any reader—Northerner or Southerner—[to] impress the text with his or her own soldier image in need of 'appreciation,'" and

- allowing Whitman “to democratize and universalize access to the lost Civil War soldiers while engendering a shared appreciation of human value.”]
- Cheezem, David. “Lose Walt Whitman and You Lose America.” *Alaska Dispatch* (April 6, 2010). [Argues that *Leaves of Grass* is just as crucial a “statement of American meaning as the Constitution” and that “the soul of America is in its poetry.”]
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- Fitzgerald, John Francisco. “What this we bring your America: The Co-Construction of an Electronic Picturebook by Special Educators and Their Students According to the Principles of Universal Design for Learning.” Ed.D. Dissertation, University of Pennsylvania, 2009. [Examines a “Universal Design for Learning” project in which a group of educators “serving students with diverse mild through severe special needs” designed “an electronic picture book based on a passage from Whitman’s *Leaves of Grass*” and “co-constructed the electronic picture book with students” to create “challenging opportunities for these students so as to demonstrate the competencies their disabilities so often obscure”; *DAI-A* 71 (August 2010).]
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- Giamatti, Bill T. Jones, Jonathan Meyers, and others; excerpts from musical settings of Whitman's works by John Adams, Benjamin Britten, and others; and discussions with composer John Adams, novelist Michael Cunningham, poet Martín Espada, choreographer Bill T. Jones, scholar Karen Karbiener, and writer Phillip Lopate.]
- Gessell, Paul. "From Ne-er-do-well to Icon: Fetherling Novel 'Reveals' Walt Whitman." *Ottawa Citizen* (April 18, 2010). [Review of George Fetherling, *Walt Whitman's Secret*.]
- Giles, Todd. "Whitman's 'Out from Behind This Mask.'" *Explicator* 68 (January-March 2010), 23-25. [Offers a reading of "Out from Behind This Mask," viewing it as a "mini-drama: act one, the removal of the mask; act two, the exposure of the face behind the mask; act three, the peeling away of the image behind the mask to reveal the poet's universal nature."]
- Golding, Alan. Review of George B. Handley, *New World Poetics: Nature and the Adamic Imagination of Whitman, Neruda, and Walcott*. *American Literature* 82 (March 2010), 220-222.
- Helm, Richard. "What Whitman Couldn't Say." *Edmonton Journal* (April 9, 2010). [Review of George Fetherling, *Walt Whitman's Secret*.]
- Henkel, Scott. "Leaves of Grassroots Politics: Whitman, Carlyle, and the Imagination of *Democratic Vistas*." *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review* 27 (Winter 2010), 101-126. [Argues that "the dynamics of the debate between Carlyle and Whitman can be instructive for those of us who believe that the intersection of literary study and the study of political movements is vital to a thriving democratic culture," because "our contemporary debates about democratization continue to revolve around the problems of authority and autonomy, as they did for Carlyle and Whitman"; goes on to suggest that *Democratic Vistas* contains "the seeds of a political project that I will call grassroots politics: Whitman's proposal for the democratization of 'all public and private life'"; sets out to "explicate the debate between Carlyle and Whitman to a greater degree than has yet been attempted in the scholarship, and to refocus this debate in a way that . . . will be a valuable contribution to grassroots political movements" by using Whitman's text "to formulate the questions that might help us to imagine new democratic vistas."]
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- Whitman's work from the field of literary studies and place it again in the field of religious studies.]
- Hidy, Lance. "The Illustration and Typography of *Specimen Days*, and a Lost Whitman Portrait Found." *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review* 27 (Winter 2010), 153-159. [Reviews the inception and production of the 1971 David R. Godine edition of *Specimen Days* and recounts the author's collection of Whitman items, including an 1889 previously unknown Gutekunst photographic portrait, reprinted here.]
- Ifill, Matthew L. "More Significant Even Than the Political Interests Involved': Walt Whitman and Reconstruction." *Conversations* (Fall/Winter 2009-2010), 2-5. [Discusses how Whitman's "need for recovery" after the Civil War "is a clear parallel to the need faced by the broken nation: the need for a 'second wind.'" ]
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- Krzemien, Alixandra V. "Walt Whitman in Winesburg: Willing Liminality and Sherwood Anderson's *Winesburg, Ohio*." M.A. Thesis, State University of New York at Buffalo, 2010. [Examines "the ways in which Walt Whitman's poetry, especially 'Song of Myself,' is helpful in reading Sherwood Anderson's *Winesburg, Ohio*"; *MAI* 48 (August 2010).]
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- Loving, Jerome. Review of Walt Whitman, *Leaves of Grass, 1860: The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Facsimile Edition*, ed. Jason Stacy. *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review* 27 (Winter 2010), 165-170. [Offers, in addition to the book review, "a list tracing the evolution of Whitman's poems through the first three editions, in order to place the 1860 arrangement in a clearer perspective." ]
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- Neidl, Phoebe. "Whitman, as Whitman Would Have Wanted." *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* (April 8, 2010). [Reports on Compagnia de' Colombari's theatrical and musical performance of "Song of Myself," with a "cast of five musicians, six actors, a gospel singer, a mezzo soprano and two children," who will be performing nine shows at nine different venues in nine days in and around New York (May 5-14, 2010).]
- Noble, Mark. "The American Atom: Materiality and Vocation from Whitman to Stevens." Ph.D. Dissertation, Johns Hopkins University, 2009. [Examines "American writers who consider subjectivity to be inseparable from physical reality" and analyzes how Whitman understands persons "as atomized bodies," using "the explanatory power of the atom to ground inter-subjectivity," even as in 1860 he "encounters a deathly underside to his materialism, in which the democratic 'flow' of bodies gives way to their disintegration and 'drift'"; *DAI-A* 71 (July 2010).]
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- Tirado Bramen, Carrie. "Our Wounded, Our Wounds: Disruption, Ideological Permeability and Transference of Agony in Louisa May Alcott's *Hospital Sketches* and Walt Whitman's *Memoranda During the War* and "The Wound-Dresser." M.A. Thesis, State University of New York at Buffalo, 2010. [Argues that Alcott and Whitman "recognized the dissolution of boundaries inside of the hospital" and that their writings reveal that "ideological"

divides between masculine and feminine, between North and South, become “indistinct and permeable within the hospital”; *MAI* 48 (August 2010).]

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Vicovanu, Iuliana Roxana. “*L’Esprit nouveau* (1920-1925) and the Shaping of Modernism in the France of the 1920s.” Ph.D. Dissertation, Johns Hopkins University, 2009. [Examines the short-lived but influential French journal *L’Esprit nouveau*; the second part of the dissertation “maps out a genealogy of the notion of *esprit nouveau*, which is rooted in the reception of Walt Whitman in Léon Bazalgette’s work from the 1890s”; *DAI* 71 (July 2010).]

Whitman, Walt. *Democratic Vistas: The Original Edition in Facsimile*, ed. Ed Folsom. Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 2010. [Reprints the 1871 *Democratic Vistas*; with a textual note (xi-xiii); an introduction, “The *Vistas* of *Democratic Vistas*” (xv-lxvii); annotations (84-134); and a selected bibliography of criticism about *Democratic Vistas* (135-143), all by Folsom; the introduction offers an overview of the composition and publication of Whitman’s essay, an examination of the circumstances surrounding Whitman’s writing of the essay, a review of early reactions to the essay, and a discussion of the essay’s growing importance over the past few decades, while arguing that one of the key features of the essay is Whitman’s failure to engage the volatile issue of racial equality: “By keeping his racial views out of *Democratic Vistas* . . . and by muting his direct response to Carlyle’s racist comments, Whitman managed to produce an enduring essay that can still be read as a relevant critique of American culture today.”]

Whitman, Walt. *Song of Myself and Other Poems*, ed. Robert Hass. Berkeley: Counterpoint, 2010. [Contains “Song of Myself” in its 1855 and “Deathbed Edition” versions (7-132), with introduction (3-6) by Hass and “A Lexicon” for the poem by Hass and Paul Ebenkamp (133-201), followed by a selection of other poems from *Leaves of Grass* (207-260) with an additional introduction by Hass (205-206).]

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