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- Blankenship, Bill. "Washburn Choir to Debut Work by Music Professor." *Topeka Capital-Journal* (March 6, 2015). [Reports that the Washburn University Choir is performing the world premiere of "A Prairie Sunset," a musical setting of Whitman's poem composed by Gordon McQuere.]
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- 119) offers “an induction” to the poet (and a reading of “The Dalliance of Eagles”), followed by readings of “Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking,” “Song of Myself,” “The Sleepers,” “Crossing Brooklyn Ferry,” “A Word Out of the Sea,” “As I Ebb’d With the Ocean of Life,” and “When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom’d.”]
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- Folsom, Ed. “Walt Whitman: A Current Bibliography.” *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review* 32 (Winter 2015), 164-182.

- Folsom, Ed. "Walt Whitman's Invention of a Democratic Poetry." In Alfred Bendixen and Stephen Burt, eds., *The Cambridge History of American Poetry* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015), 329-359. [Offers an overview of Whitman's writing career, his influence, and his work, emphasizing that Whitman was seeking "nothing less than the creation of a previously unheard democratic voice."]
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- Hand, Bill. "Walt Whitman's Battling Brother Comes to New Bern." *Sun Journal* [New Bern, NC] (March 8, 2015). [Discusses George Whitman's Civil War military career, including fighting in the Battle of New Bern (March 14, 1862).]
- Hoag, Andrew. "Translation as Collaboration: Jorge Luis Borges's Unfaithful Relationship with Literature from the United States." Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2014. [Chapter 6, "Borges, Whitman, and the Poetic I: Working Toward a Truly Collaborative Translation," investigates Borges's translation of Whitman's poetry, concluding that it "both demonstrates the power of translation's 'creative infidelities' and takes the least amount of liberties with its original" of all of Borges's translations of American writers; *Proquest Dissertations and Theses (DAI-A 76/05, November 2015).*]
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- Jafri, Maqsood. “In Praise of Walt Whitman,” Parts I and II. *Daily Times* [Lahore, Pakistan] (April 28, 2015), A7; (April 29, 2015), A6. [Summarizes Whitman’s career and influence as “the national poet of the US” and “the poet of democracy,” and “acknowledge[s] his influence in the shaping of my poetic zeal. . . . I may not agree with his lascivious ideology but I admire his deep love for democracy and humanity. He is a great sage for all ages. . . . The real message of Walt Whitman must be followed.”]
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- Keller, Catherine. *Cloud of the Impossible: Negative Theology and Planetary Entanglement*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2015. [Chapter 6, “‘Unfolded Out of the Folds’: Walt Whitman and the Apophatic Sex of the Earth” (196-214), reads Whitman in the context of a study of “encounters between the relational and the apophatic or, to paraphrase, between the nonseparable and the nonknowable,” and in the more specific context of “*explicatio*, the unfolding, of a relational ontology of entangled difference,” yielding a Whitman who “plies the human with an extravagant transhuman imaginary of folds physical, animal, vaginal, queer, democratic, terrestrial, astronomical, and impiously divine.”]
- Knight, D. D. Review of Ivy Wilson, ed., *Whitman Noir: Black America and the Good Gray Poet*. *Choice* 52 (November 2014).
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- Levin, Jennifer. "Walt Whitman and Pablo Neruda Onstage." *Santa Fe New Mexican* (March 20, 2015). [Reports on *Word Over All: Walt Whitman and Pablo Neruda*, "a staged bilingual performance of the poetry and prose of these beloved figures," performed in March 2015 at Teatro Paraguas Studio in Santa Fe, written and directed by Dan Bohnhorst.]
- Lin, Hsinmei. "Songs Yet to Be Sung: Walt Whitman and Taiwan's Yu Kwang-Chung." *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review* 32 (Winter 2015), 144-150. [Examines Whitman's influence on Taiwanese poet Yu Kwang-Chung (1928-) and provides a translation and analysis of Yu's 1954 poem "To Whitman."]
- Lovett, Katrina, and Cynthia Shor, eds. *Starting from Paumanok . . .* 28 (Spring 2015). [Newsletter of the Walt Whitman Birthplace Association, with news of association events, and, in this issue, a report that "the Whitman Family Bible" was donated to the Birthplace Association by Natalie Swertfager Pearson, the widow of "the great-great-grandson of Mary Elizabeth Whitman, Walt's beloved sister," who received the Bible as a Christmas gift from Walt in 1878.]
- Maher, Mickle. "Song About Himself." 2015. [Play, set in a dystopian future, where the Web has been destroyed (and is called "The Weed"); dialogue is an ornate corruption of Whitman's poetry; premiered at Storefront Theater in Chicago, Illinois, March 27-April 26, 2015.]
- Marsh, John. *In Walt We Trust: How a Queer Socialist Poet Can Save America from Itself*. Monthly Review Press, 2015. [Extended meditation on how Whitman "saved my life," mixing literary criticism, autobiography, biography, self-help, and political manifesto: "when I felt at my absolute worst, when I felt like the malaise would overwhelm me, I started reading Walt Whitman" and "learn[ed] how to die. I learned how to accept and even celebrate our (relatively speaking) imminent death. Just as important, I learned how to

live: how to have better sex, what to do about money, and, perhaps best of all, how we might survive our fetid democracy without coming away stinking ourselves. . . . I am convinced he is the cure for what ails us”; goes on to offer extended examinations of Whitman’s attitudes toward death, moneymaking, sex, homosexuality, shame, freedom, liberal democracy, and socialism.]

Mason-Browne, Nick. “‘Live like the sparrow’: Vachel Lindsay’s Whitman.” *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review* 32 (Winter 2015), 111-130. [Offers an overview of Vachel Lindsay’s attitudes toward Whitman and the ways his work responds to and argues with him, proposing that “where Whitman tends to the abstract, Lindsay tends rather to the concrete and even literal” and “where Whitman might deal in generalities, Lindsay struggles to provide, albeit with mixed results, a range of hard specifics,” but, still, “at the heart of Lindsay’s overall aesthetic project, with its striking and often explicit sociopolitical dimension, is a notion of the Whitmanian word made flesh”; compares Lindsay’s “Gospel of Beauty” to Whitman’s own “gospel of beauty” in his 1851 Brooklyn Art Union address; examines in detail “Lindsay’s ambivalence about Whitman.”]

Miller, Matt. Review of Joanna Levin and Edward Whitley, eds., *Whitman among the Bohemians*. *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review* 32 (Winter 2015), 158-162.

Moxley, Jennifer. “A Deeper, Older O: The Oral (Sex) Tradition (in Poetry).” In Julie Carr and Jeffrey C. Robinson, eds., *Active Romanticism: The Radical Impulse in Nineteenth-Century and Contemporary Poetic Practice* (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2015), 70-90. [Suggests that “the poetic O” may be “the most radical inheritance Romanticism bequeathed to our ironic age” because it echoes “a nonlinguistic human sound often associated with sexual arousal and orgasm” and thus can “put us in an uncomfortable proximity to the sound of the body’s dissolution, and by analogy, death”; goes on to track the persistence of the poetic O in American poetry as John Wieners and Robert Duncan “enthusiastically embrac[e] the emotional O of their Romantic inheritance” from Whitman and Hart Crane, who “evinced this receptivity in their poems . . . through the figure of oral sex.”]

Myerson, Joel. Review of Ed Folsom, “Walt Whitman,” *Oxford Bibliographies in American Literature*. *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review* 32 (Winter 2015), 162-163.

Paolino, Tammy. “Camden Night Garden Event to Honor Walt Whitman.” *Courier-Post* (April 13, 2005). [Reports on a Camden, NJ, festival to be held on May 1, 2015, in honor of Whitman, featuring “a light projection of excerpts from Whitman’s masterpiece ‘Leaves of Grass,’” and “a 12-foot-high ‘CITY INVICIBLE’ sign (in homage to Whitman’s ‘I dreamed in a dream’) created in collaboration with 14 artists.”]

Peck, Garrett. *Walt Whitman in Washington, D.C.: The Civil War and America’s Great Poet*. Charleston, SC: History Press, 2015. [Detailed overview, with numerous photographs, of Whitman’s decade living in Washington, D.C., written for a general audience; with a foreword (9-12) by Martin Murray.]

Perelman, Bob. "Copying Whitman." In Julie Carr and Jeffrey C. Robinson, eds., *Active Romanticism: The Radical Impulse in Nineteenth-Century and Contemporary Poetic Practice* (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2015), 99-107. [Meditates on what it means for one writer to "type out the work of other writers" ("What had been 'You write, I copy' becomes 'I write your writing' becomes 'I write you' which eventually reads 'I write'") and records the author's own typing out of the last section of "Passage to India," "which I hadn't read in decades," and reproduces "that typing, but with some editing (interrupting the interruptions, retyping the thinking and rethinking the retyping), editing but aiming for the whole flavor of reading and writing mixing."]

Price, Kenneth M. "Many long dumb voices . . . clarified and transfigured': The *Walt Whitman Archive* and the Scholarly Edition in the Digital Age." *Nuovi Annali: Della Scuola Speciale per Archivisti e Bibliotecari* 28 (Firenze, Italy: Leo S. Olschki, 2014), 241-256. [Examines "editing in the age of the digital archive and the rise of so-called big data"; emphasizes "the importance of hearing multiple voices within Whitman, thereby highlighting the collaborative creation of many of his writings"; and stresses Whitman's "role as a collaborative creative force"—all elements of "the Whitman I think we are creating at the *Walt Whitman Archive*"; concludes by analyzing the scribal documents that Whitman wrote while working in the Attorney General's office and suggesting how those documents illuminate his involvement in a "network of Washington clerks" that in some ways came "to replace the group at Pfaff's beer hall" as the sustaining source of his collaborative work in the years following the Civil War.]

Price, Kenneth M. "A New Errand Bearer: Daisaku Ikeda's Poetic Response to Walt Whitman and His Quest for Peace." In Ronald A. Bosco, Kenneth M. Price, and Sarah Ann Wider, *Encountering the Poems of Daisaku Ikeda* (Cambridge, MA: Ikeda Center, 2015), 59-91. [Reprints Daisaku Ikeda's 1992 poem "Like the Sun Rising" (59-70)—a poem Ikeda says is "offered to Walt Whitman, poet of the people"—and provides a broad context (including Ikeda's experiences in Japan during World War II) for understanding Whitman's extensive and long-lasting influence on Ikeda, arguing that Ikeda and Whitman "are after the same goal—democracy that permits common humanity to flourish," and concluding that "it is the international Whitman of comrades and the divine average of all races—the poet of democracy—that is most influential for Ikeda."]

Ramadan, Abdel-Moneim. "Funeral for Walt Whitman." *Words without Borders* (August 2012), wordswithoutborders.com. [Poem, translated from the Arabic original by Michael Beard and Adnan Haydar, beginning: "So finally, atop the fender of a tank, / lounges Walt Whitman. / Finally he observes the streets of Baghdad."]

Ramadan, Abdel-Moneim. "Walt Whitman and Me: Notes on a Poetic Education." *Words without Borders* (November 2014), wordswithoutborders.com. [Essay, translated from the Arabic by Michael Beard and Adnan Haydar, recalling the author's "poetic education" in Egypt, including his meeting a

fellow student at the university named Muhammad Abu al-Qumsân, who, “because he had memorized *Leaves of Grass* in English and liked to recite it in a high voice in both English and in Arabic,” was called “Muhammad Walt Whitman”; describes his various encounters with Whitman’s work, including in Lorca’s “Ode to Walt Whitman” and in Saadi Yusef’s Arabic translation of Whitman’s poetry.]

Reddy, Srikanth. *Changing Subjects: Digressions in Modern American Poetry*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012. [Chapter 4, “Digression Personified: Whitman, the New York School, and the Drift of Poetry” (95-127), examines the implications of Whitman’s statement in “Shut Not Your Doors”—“the words of my book nothing, the drift of it everything”—and argues that “Whitman’s notion of poetic drift has continued to resonate with American poets well into the twentieth century, from the ‘radiant gist’ of William Carlos Williams’s *Paterson* to the implicit question—‘get my drift?’—which grounds the Beat aesthetic in the postwar period”; goes on to “outline a critical approach toward reading the drift of Whitman’s poetry, showing how this writer inaugurates a digressive model for the literary invention of a modern American self,” including Whitman’s “habit of deferral” by which he “repeatedly defer[s] the actual fashioning” of his text, tendering “a series of promissory notes for future utterance” on the subjects he seems to engage, acting out “the figure of the drifter” as he “assume[s] and discard[s] various social roles like a child playing make-believe,” becoming—in what Whitman describes as “the loose drift of character”—“digression personified,” as his “literary speaker . . . slip[s] effortlessly from one identity to the next.”]

Rutter, Jim. “‘Mickle Street’ a Dull Depiction of Wilde and Whitman.” *Philadelphia Inquirer* (February 21, 2015). [Review of performance of Michael Whistler’s drama *Mickle Street*, portraying the meeting of Oscar Wilde and Whitman, at Philadelphia’s Walnut Theatre.]

Sandy, Mark. “‘The Enigmatical Beauty of Each Beautiful Enigma’: The Persistence of Beauty and Death in the Poetics of Walt Whitman and Wallace Stevens.” In Michael O’Neill, Mark Sandy, and Sarah Wootton, eds., *The Persistence of Beauty: Victorians to Moderns* (London: Pickering & Chatto, 2015), 71-87. [Examines “the renewal of the beautiful in the poetry of Whitman and Stevens through a post-Romantic and post-Transcendentalist re-evaluation of the ordinary,” and argues that “for all their differences, Whitman, Stevens and their English Romantic predecessors share a readiness to elicit the beautiful from ‘complex transactions between the often chaotic world of ordinary experience and the creative consciousness,’ transactions that include, as readings of poems such as Whitman’s ‘Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking’ reveal, subtly enigmatic and beautiful confrontations with the fact of death, end of and spur towards delight in the ordinary.”]

Schmidgall, Gary. “Triangulating Blake, Whitman, and Ginsberg.” *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review* 32 (Winter 2015), 131-143. [Examines the relationship between William Blake, Whitman, and Allen Ginsberg, finding “their chief affinity” to rest “in their being exuberantly subversive outliers

in the culture and society in which they lived,” and goes on to investigate “some of the ways Ginsberg can be seen as having ‘lived over again’ the legacy of Blake and Whitman,” including the way “Ginsberg shared the conviction of Blake and Whitman that the ideal person and the ideal society must be *integrated and balanced*.”]

Schraffenberger, J.D., ed. *The Great Sympathetic: Walt Whitman and the North American Review*. Cedar Falls, IA: North American Review Press, 2015. [Reprints the seven essays that Whitman published in the *North American Review* (“The Poetry of the Future” [1881], “A Memorandum at A Venture” [1882], “Slang in America” [1885], “Robert Burns as Poet and Person” [1886], “Some War Memoranda—Jotted down at the Time” [1887], “Old Poets” [1890], “Have We a National Literature?” [1891]); fourteen reviews and essays on Whitman, published in the journal from 1856 to 1924; and thirteen poems about Whitman, published in the journal from 1967 to 2015; with a foreword by Martín Espada and an introduction by Schraffenberger.]

Schultz, Robert. *Face to Face: Walt Whitman Texts, Chlorophyll Prints by Robert Schultz*. Charlottesville: Virginia Arts of the Book Center, 2015. [Limited edition (three numbered and signed copies) of selections of Whitman’s poetry accompanied by chlorophyll leafprints of Civil War soldiers and of Whitman.]

Shelley, Kevin C. “Revisiting Camden Meeting of Whitman and Wilde.” *Courier-Post* [Camden, NJ] (January 18, 2015). [Recaps Oscar Wilde’s visit to Whitman in Camden on January 18, 1882, and considers whether it was “the very first meeting on fame, branding and image through self-promotion and the cultivation of media attention,” “the birth of celebrity culture,” where Wilde came to learn from Whitman “how to be a famous person.”]

Speser, Arendt Oak. “Round Song: Narrative Bibliography and the Living Archive.” Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Washington, 2013. [Seeks to define “a method of archival research, a method that uses an expanded idea of the archive to situate a practice of *narrative bibliography*” and examines “the critic as bibliographer”; analyzes *Specimen Days* as “a text which is an archive in itself,” one that creates a seemingly random “sequence” that nonetheless “instills a continuity of thought and feeling and presence that highlights the play of the poetic imagination”; the final chapter turns to a study of *Democratic Vistas* and examines the online *Walt Whitman Archive* “as an example of the emerging trend of digital archives,” criticizing it for its focus on Whitman’s poetry but praising it for its encouragement of scholarly collaboration and community; *Proquest Dissertations and Theses* (DAI-A 75/05, November 2014).]

Spratlan, Louis. “Of War.” 2015. [Choral work in four parts, with part 3 a setting of Whitman’s “Vigil Strange I Kept on the Field One Night”; world premiere in April 2015 by University of Illinois Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Singers, and Oratorio Society, conducted by Andrew Megill.]

- Tytell, John. *Writing Beat and Other Occasions of Literary Mayhem*. Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press, 2014. [Chapter 10, “Ginsberg Today,” contains a section called “A Literary Excursus” (134-141) that traces how, for Allen Ginsberg, “the crucial predecessor was Walt Whitman,” and offers examples of how “Ginsberg would frequently invert, telescope, or magnify a quality he found in Whitman.”]
- Warren, James Perrin. Review of Christine Gerhardt, *A Place for Humility: Whitman, Dickinson, and the Natural World*. *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review* 32 (Winter 2015), 151-153.
- Whistler, Michael. *Mickle Street*. 2015. [Play depicting Oscar Wilde’s 1882 visit to Whitman in Camden, New Jersey; world premiere at the Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia, in February and March 2015, directed by Greg Wood with Daniel Fredrick as Wilde and Buck Schirner as Whitman.]
- Whitman, Walt. *Drum-Taps: The Complete 1865 Edition*. Ed. Lawrence Kramer. New York: NYRB Poets, 2015. [Republication of the original (1865) edition of *Drum-Taps*, with an extensive introduction and annotations by Lawrence Kramer.]
- Whitman, Walt. *Selected Journalism*. Ed. Douglas A. Noverr and Jason Stacy. Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 2015. [Selection of Whitman’s journalism from the 1830s to the 1860s, arranged in four thematic sections—“Democracy and Politics,” “Moral Suasion,” “The Arts,” and “Come Closer to Me” (pieces developing Whitman’s “personal voice and sense of the immediacy of experience”); with an introduction, “Walt Whitman’s Journalism Career in New York and Brooklyn” (xi-xxxvi), by Noverr and Stacy.]
- Willis, Elizabeth. “Bright Ellipses: *The Botanic Garden*, *Meteoric Flowers*, and *Leaves of Grass*.” In Julie Carr and Jeffrey C. Robinson, eds., *Active Romanticism: The Radical Impulse in Nineteenth-Century and Contemporary Poetic Practice* (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2015), 18-30. [Examines Erasmus Darwin’s 1791 book *The Botanic Garden* with its “distracting superabundance of data, its interdiscursive ease, and its wild formal variation,” and examines its similarities to *Leaves of Grass*, since “Whitman hopes that America’s poems will achieve the status of living, organic, botanical forms” and since he hopes too for “companions, readers, and lovers, his hand against the leaves of his endlessly remade book, a site of literary, sexual, and political risk”; goes on to suggest how both *The Botanic Garden* and *Leaves of Grass* influenced Willis’s own book of poetry, *Meteoric Flowers* (2006), which “was fueled, in part,” by “the embodied vision of poets like Darwin and Whitman,” who “helped me confront the muddled conditions of the present into which I repeatedly awoke” and “allowed me to see the sentient, conscious qualities of the green world,” “to see the undoing within the making of things.”]
- Unsigned. “Bucket Series Offers One-Man Whitman Show.” *Dunn County [Wisconsin] News* (February 19, 2015). [Reports on actor Terry Mesch’s “Sing Me the Universal: A Whitman Monologue,” performed in Menomonie, WI, in February 2015.]

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