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Introduction to the Practice of Statistics
Since formed in 2002, DHS has been at the forefront of determining and furthering some of the most hotly debated security issues facing the U.S. and global community in the 21st century. The university programs within DHS’s campuses have cropped up in the last dozen-plus years with limited resources available to teach from. Homeland Security, Third Edition will continue to serve as the core textbook covering the fundamental history, formation, oversight, and reach of DHS currently. The book is fully updated with new laws, regulations and strategies across intelligence, transportation sectors, emergency management, border security, public utilities and public health.

An Introduction to Evidence-based Practice in Nursing & Healthcare
Pierre Bourdieu has been making a distinguished contribution to European sociology for the past 25 years. He is Professor of Sociology at the Collège de France in Paris and author of many influential books including, most recently, Distinction and Homo Academicus, which have both been translated into English. This book serves to introduce this important body of work to the Anglo-American world. In a cross-disciplinary collaboration Richard Harker, Chlesea Mahan and Chris Wilkes provide the reader with the necessary tools to understand this complex and rewarding body of French sociology. Post modernist sociology has already been influenced by the French theorist Foucault; it is likely that the generation to come will be reading Bourdieu.

An Introduction to the Practice of Midwifery
The expansion of degrees and postgraduate qualifications on policing has come in hand in hand with the need for a more scholarly and research-based approach to the subject. Students are increasingly encouraged to apply research to practice and this book is specifically designed to bring clarity to the concept of empirical research in policing. As an introduction to the theoretical explanations and assumptions that underpin the rationale of research design in policing this book clearly illustrates the practical and ethical issues facing empirical research in a policing context, as well as the limitations of such research. Introduction to Policing Research brings together a range of leading scholars who have a wide range of experience conducting police research. Topics covered include: professional development, police culture, policing protests, private policing, policing and diversity, policing in transit, policing and mental health, policing and sensitive issues. This book is perfect for undergraduate and graduate students on policing degrees, as well as graduate students and researchers engaged with criminal justice. It is also essential reading for police officers taking professional and academic qualifications.

Color
This book offers a clearly written and engaging introduction to the basics of interactive digital media. As our reliance on and daily usage of websites, mobile apps, kiosks, games, VR/AR and devices that respond to our commands has increased, the need for practitioners who understand these technologies is growing. Author Julia Griffee provides a guide to the fundamentals of the field, offering best practices and common pitfalls throughout. The book also notes opportunities within the field of interactive digital media for professionals with different types of skills, and interviews with experienced practitioners offer practical wisdom for readers. Additional features of this book include: An overview of the history, evolution and impact of interactive media; A spotlight on the development process and contributing team members; Analysis of the components of interactive digital media and their design function (graphics, animation, audio, video, typography, color); An introduction to coding languages for interactive media; and A guide to usability in interactive media. Introduction to Interactive Digital Media will help both students and professionals understand the varied creative, technical, and collaborative skills needed in this exciting and emerging field.

The Miracle of Mindfulness
This book provides an introduction to the aims, theories and practices of critical discourse analysis (CDA). It is mainly concerned with the linguistic aspects of CDA. It provides an introduction to the different types of language analysis that are employed in CDA (frequency analysis, coverage, transitivity and reference, and figurative language, for example) and seeks to provide readers with the skills to apply them in different contexts to various types of texts: political speeches, marketing pieces, literary works, advertising, multimedia persuasive texts, discourses on race, gender, and politics.

Introduction to the Practice of Statistics
This book presents the most important and main concepts of the molecular and microsimulation techniques. It enables readers to improve their skills in developing simulation programs by providing physical problems and sample simulation programs for them to use. Provides tools to develop skills in developing simulations programs Includes sample simulation programs for the reader to use

Introduction to the Practice of Fishery Science, Revised Edition
CD-ROM includes: Electronic Encyclopedia of Statistical Examples and Exercises, an interactive quiz for each chapter, video clips and some special electronic statistical tools.

Introduction to the Practice of Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy
Dissident Geographies is an accessible and lively exploration of radical perspectives in human geography. The perspectives examined in the book reveal and resist certain power relations that have constituted geographical knowledge. The book has two main aims. First, rather than reify ‘the’ geographical tradition, Dissident Geographies introduces a number of geographical traditions that challenge and destabilize what counts as geographical knowledge. Second, the book shows how the production of power relations that have constituted geographical knowledge. The book is a guide to usability in interactive media. Introduction to Interactive Digital Media will help both students and professionals understand the varied creative, technical, and collaborative skills needed in this exciting and emerging field.

Trancework
Written specifically for education practitioners, An Introduction to Educational Research: Connecting Methods to Practice approaches research methods from a practice-first perspective that aligns research with professional experiences and identifies the tools and resources readers can use when conducting their own research. Throughout the book, authors Chad R. Lochmiller and Jessica N. Lester illuminate complex research concepts using problems of practice confronting educators to help readers make meaningful connections with key concepts and research practices. The authors present balanced coverage across research methodologies that is linked to practice, so readers clearly see research as a tool they can use to improve classrooms, schools, districts, and educational organizations.

An Introduction to Sports Coaching
Introduction to Interactive Digital Media
Trancework, the most comprehensive guide to learning the fundamental skills of clinical hypnosis, is now available in an updated and improved third edition. Yapko clearly and dynamically introduces readers to a broad range of hypnotic methods and techniques that will greatly enhance the effectiveness of preferred modes of therapy. Chapters are filled with new and practical information, including extensive academic references, sample transcripts, thorough summary tables of key points, and interviews with leading figures in the field—Jay Haley, Theodore X. Barber, Ernest R. Hilgard, David Spiegel, Jeffrey Zeig, and Karen Olness, among others. This new edition specifically addresses the growing emphasis within psychotherapy on proving efficacy through empirical data, the controversy of repressed memory that has divided the profession, and the advances in cognitive neuroscience that are stimulating new research. For newcomers, Trancework is an authoritative primer, demystifying hypnosis and offering step-by-step instruction for integrating it into clinical practice. Those familiar with hypnotic procedure will welcome Yapko's presentation of influential theories, controversies, treatment approaches,
and rich case material. All readers alike are guided through personal and professional enrichment as they discover the art and science of clinical hypnosis as presented in this essential guide.

Introduction to the Practice of Statistics

Introduction to the Practice of Statistics is the classic textbook for teaching statistics. This textbook shows students how to produce and interpret data from real-world contexts, guiding them through the type of data gathering and analysis that working statisticians do every day. With this phenomenally successful approach developed by David Moore and George McCabe, statistics is more than just a collection of techniques and formulas. Instead, students develop a way of thinking about data with a focus on problem-solving that prepares them to understand concepts and master statistical reasoning. Part of the best-selling Moore family of statistics books, Introduction to the Practice of Statistics is designed for a two-semester introduction to statistics course and offers a rigorous introduction to the subject. This textbook is available on LaunchPad, which combines an interactive ebook with multimedia content and assessment tools, including LearningCurve adaptive quizzing. See ‘Instructor Resources’ and ‘Student Resources’ for further information.

Introduction to Social Work

“With its focus on data analysis and the way statisticians actually work, Introduction to the Practice of Statistics (IPS) helped revolutionize general statistics. Freed from an overload of computations, students were able to see statistics as a revelatory way of understanding the world, and as an essential tool for any number of academic and professional fields. Thoroughly revised and fully media-connected, the new edition of IPS continues the revolution. Book jacket.”—Jacket.

An Introduction to Using Theory in Social Work Practice

Introduction to Social Work Practice orients the students to the role of the professional social worker. The first chapter delineates the differences between being a good friend and being a good clinician in terms of social/emotional factors, professionalism, and self-disclosure. The second chapter covers techniques for building a trusting working environment that is conducive to processing sensitive issues along with an overview of key therapeutic communication skills. The remaining five chapters detail an easy-to-remember five-step problem-solving model to guide the clinical process: 1. Assessment, 2. Goal, 3. Objectives, 4. Activation, 5. Termination. Key features include: - role-play exercises - brief essay and response questions to build and test key communication skills - discussion points - glossary of terms - diagrams and charts that graphically represent the flow of the helping process. The workbook presumes no prior clinical experience and uses no technical psychological jargon. It teaches fundamental communication skills while emphasizing key social work values, ethics, and issues of multicultural populations and diversity throughout.

Homeland Security

The best-selling Introduction to Social Work by Lisa E. Cox, Carolyn J. Rice, and Dennis D. Long takes students to the root of the social work profession by covering its history, practice settings, and career paths within a unique advocacy framework. This advocacy practice and policy model comprised of four components—economic and social justice, a social policy perspective, the needs and obligations of the profession, and political access and participation—helps students think about solutions for viewing today’s social issues. Throughout the book, an emphasis on advocacy underscores the transformative opportunities and contributions of social work on not just the clinical/client level, but also at organizational, community, national, and international levels. The Second Edition closely aligns with the latest Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and references the 2018 Code of Ethics from the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Through the authors’ inclusion of reflective practice, students will be encouraged to engage in critical thought and contemplate a career in social work.

Private Security

The new Sixth Edition brings the acclimated IPS approach to a new generation, with a number of enhancements in the text and with breakthrough media tools for instructors and students. It demonstrates how statistical techniques are used to solve real-world problems, combining real data and applications with innovative pedagogy, both in the text and via electronic media. New Format Options Introduction to the Practice of Statistics, Sixth Edition is available as: • A core book containing the first 13 chapters in hardcover (1-4292-1622-0) or paperback (1-4292-1621-2), Companion chapters 14-17 are available on the book’s CD and web site. • Extended Version (hardcover; includes chapters 1-15): 1-4292-1623-9

Introduction to the Practice of Statistics

The 2nd Edition of Introduction to the Practice of Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy, the highly successful practice-oriented handbook designed to demystify psychoanalytic psychotherapy, is updated and revised to reflect the latest developments in the field. Updated edition of an extremely successful textbook in its field, featuring numerous updates to reflect the latest research and evidence base Demystifies the processes underpinning psychoanalytic psychotherapy, particularly the development of the analytic attitude guided by principles of clinical technique offers a step-by-step guidance to key areas such as how to conduct assessments, how to formulate cases in psychodynamic terms and how to approach endings The author is a leader in the field – she is General Editor of the New Library of Psychoanalytic analysis books and a former editor of Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy

History

The one-stop reference to the essentials of color science and technology—now fully updated and revised The fully updated Third Edition of Color: An Introduction to Practice and Principles continues to provide a truly comprehensive, non-mathematical introduction to color science, complete with historical, philosophical, and art-related topics. Geared to non-specialists and experts alike, Color clearly explains key technical concepts concerning light, human vision, and color perception phenomena. It covers color ordering systems, color reproduction technologies, and reviews the history of color science as well as its relationships to art and color harmony. Revised throughout to reflect the latest developments in the field, the Third Edition: Features many new color illustrations, now fully incorporated into the text Offers new perspectives on what color is all about, diverging from conventional thinking Includes new information on perception phenomena, color order, and technological advances Updates material on such topics as the CIE colorimetric system and optimal object colors Extends coverage of color reproduction to display systems, photography, and color management Contains a unique timetable of color in science and art, plus a glossary of important terms Praise for the previous editions: “A nice bridge to areas usually not covered in academic visual science programs. . . . outstanding.”—Joel Pomeroy, visual scientist at The University of Chicago “A good addition to any library, this should be useful for the color interests of artists, designers, craftsmen, psychologists, philosophers, color technologists, and students in related fields.”—CHOICE

Introduction to the Practice of African American Preaching

The latest textbook from respected author team Kaplan and Owings explores how principals can effectively build a culture around student achievement. Introduction to the Principalship helps aspiring principals understand how to develop a vision for improvement, make decisions and manage conflict, build teachers’ capacity, communicate, monitor the organization’s performance, and create a school climate of mutual respect. The workbook presumes no prior clinical experience and uses no technical psychological jargon. It teaches fundamental communication skills while emphasizing key social work values, ethics, and issues of multicultural populations and diversity throughout.

Introduction to Social Work Practice

“A new gift edition of the classic guide to meditation and mindfulness, featuring archival photography and beautiful calligraphy by Thich Nhat Hanh. Since its publication in 1975, The Miracle of Mindfulness has been cherished by generations of readers for its eloquent and useful introduction to the practice of meditation. Readers interested in an introduction to Buddhist thought, as well as those seeking to learn about mindfulness and stress reduction, continue to look to Thich Nhat Hanh’s classic work for guidance and inspiration. This new hardcover gift edition features elegant calligraphic illustrations by Thich Nhat Hanh, as well as a dozen photographs spanning his early days as a peace activist to his life in Plum Village, a spiritual community that he founded in France. Also included in this edition is a historical chronology of Thich Nhat Hanh’s life and work, and a revised afterward by Jim Forest.”—CHOICE

Fascism

The Practice of Medicinal Chemistry, Fourth Edition provides a practical and comprehensive overview of the daily issues facing pharmaceutical researchers and chemists. In addition to its thorough treatment of basic medicinal chemistry principles, this updated edition has been revised to provide new and expanded coverage of the latest technologies and approaches in drug discovery. With topics like high content screening, scoring, docking, binding free energy calculations, polypharmacology, QSAR, chemical collections and databases, and much more, this book is the go-to reference for all academic and pharmaceutical researchers who need a complete understanding of medicinal
Introduction to Psychoanalysis

For Italian intellectuals, the terms fascist and antifascist continue to be the hard currency of contemporary political debate-to the point that if you are not one, you must be the other. Protagonist and film professor De Felice describes a moment in the Italian past and why he is challenging the very heart of current history. The nature of his analysis of the recent Italian past is itself at odds with the traditional version, and represents a radical departure from conventional wisdom. De Felice’s ideas about fascism have a broad signiﬁcant, quite apart from their importance in the contemporary Italian scene. Perhaps no one knows as much about fascism, and no one has given the subject such a rigorous historical analysis.

The Practice of Critical Discourse Analysis: an Introduction

Step by Step

Community Services Intervention provides a comprehensive introduction to the theory, models and principles of practice for direct social casework. It introduces the history and context of professional practice, provides a step-by-step guide to the key skills, demonstrates how theory supports intervention processes and outlines how to work with other professionals to assist clients to achieve best possible outcomes. Reflecting the broad spectrum of casework settings and the need to take client diversity into account, it addresses: community care for the aged; people with a disability; people with mental health issues; acute health settings; Injury management and insurance; correctional services; court systems; child and youth welfare; drug and alcohol work; at-risk populations in schools; managed care; and employment programs. With case studies, reflective practice questions, and templates for reports and assessments, Community Services Intervention is an ideal introductory student text. ‘Good practical advice that expands on theoretical approaches; a fantastic learning resource.’- Suewellyn Kelly, community consultant and VET educator, Queensland ‘The evidence base in all of the content is thorough, well ground in theory and clearly articulated throughout this useful and practical text.’- Dianne Sutherland, TAFE NSW Riverina Institute

SSP Manual

Modern developments of Random Matrix Theory as well as pedagogical approaches to the standard core of the discipline are surprisingly hard to ﬁnd in a well-organized, readable and user-friendly fashion. This slim and agile book, written in a pedagogical and hands-on style, without sacriﬁcing formal rigor ﬁlls this gap. It brings Ph.D. students in Physics, as well as more senior practitioners, through the standard tools and results on random matrices, with an eye on most recent developments that are not usually covered in introductory texts. The focus is mainly on random matrices with real spectrum. The main guiding questions throughout the book are the Gaussian Ensembles. In particular, Wigner’s semicircle law is derived multiple times to illustrate several techniques (e.g., Coulomb gas approach, replica theory). Most chapters are accompanied by Matlab codes (stored in an online repository) to guide readers through the numerical check of most analytical results.

Dissident Geographies

Demystifying the subject with clarity and verve, History: An Introduction to Theory, Method and Practice familiarizes the reader with the varied spectrum of historical approaches in a balanced, comprehensive and engaging manner. Global in scope, and covering a wide range of topics from the ancient and medieval worlds to the twenty-ﬁrst century, it explores historical perspectives not only from historiography itself, but also from other disciplines, such as literature, art and history. Clearly written, accessible and student-friendly, this second edition is fully updated throughout to include: An increased spread of case studies from beyond Europe, especially from American and imperial histories. New chapters on important and growing areas of historical inquiry, such as environmental history and digital history Expanded sections on political, cultural, social and political developments and a more historical perspective on the historical and knowledge like ﬁlm, ﬁction and video games. Accompanied by a new companion website (www routledge com/cw/clus) containing valuable supporting material for students and instructors such as discussion questions, further reading and web links, this book is an essential introduction for all students of historical theory and method.

Introduction to Policing Research

The need for a concise, comprehensive guide to the main principles and practice of psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic psychotherapy has become pressing as the psychoanalytic movement has expanded and diversiﬁed. An introductory text suitable for a wide range of courses, this lively, widely referenced account presents the core features of contemporary psychoanalytic theory and practice in an easily assimilated, but thought-provoking manner. Illustrated throughout with clinical examples, it provides an up-to-date source of reference for a wide range of mental health professionals as well as those training in psychoanalysis, psychotherapy or counselling.

Introduction to Practice of Molecular Simulation

An Introduction to Using Theory in Social Work Practice equips the reader to use fourteen key social work theories to guide each of the planned change process, from engagement through to evaluation. Suitable for a generalist approach, this book illustrates the value of applying theory to practice in a variety of social work roles, across diverse ﬁelds and facing assorted challenges. The ﬁrst section provides a foundational beginning for using the practice of social work. Section two looks at how one can identify and integrate fourteen theories commonly found in social work across each phase of the planned change process. The theories discussed are: functional, interpretive anthropology, psychodynamic, evolutionary biology, cognitive, symbolic interactionism, social constructionism, exchange economics, role, ecological, and others. The third chapter covers for real life social work addressing, including common barriers to using theory in practice, the potential for multi-professional communication and theory-sharing, and developing an integrative theoretical model for your own personal practice. Linking to core competencies identiﬁed by the Council of Social Work Education, this book supports social work students and practitioners in developing vital skills, including critical thinking, applying theory and the effective use of the planned change process.

Introduction to the Practice of Statistics

An Introduction to Sports Coaching provides students with an accessible and engaging guide to the scientiﬁc, social scientiﬁc, medical and pedagogical theory that underlies the practice of quality sports coaching. Now with an updated and revised second edition, it introduces students to the complex, messy, multi-faced nature of coaching, and explores the full range of ‘knowledges’ which inform all successful coaching practice. Written by a team of leading international sports coaching academics and practitioners, as well as sport scientists and social scientists, the book provides a concise guide to key every theme in sports coaching, including: Reflective practice Pedagogy Skill acquisition Psychology Biomechanics Physiology Sport medicine and Injury performance analysis Sociology History Philosophy Sport development Each chapter makes a clear link between theory and practice, and includes discussion of real-life coaching scenarios and insights from practising international and club coaches. The book includes clear learning outcomes, discussion questions in all chapters, numerous tables and illustrations throughout, chapter-based podcasts, and more making Sports Coaching an innovative and lively platform for understanding the science of population health and the practice of public health. Key Features: A modern approach to the ﬁeld that grounds the study of public health in life course and eco-social frameworks to better organize the science of population health and the practice of public health Explains the central role that prevention play in improving population health Features case studies that discuss contemporary issues affecting population health, including heart disease, Ebola, environmental exposures, gun violence, the opioid epidemic, health policy, and many more High volume of ﬁgures and tables to illustrate key points includes a robust Instructor ancillary package with PowerPoint, an Instructor’s Manual, test banks, discussion questions, and conversion guide

Community Services Intervention
There are few textbooks available that outline the foundation of security principles while reflecting the modern practices of private security as an industry. Private Security: An Introduction to Principles and Practice takes a new approach to the subject of private sector security that will be welcome addition to the field. The book focuses on the recent history of the industry and the growing dynamic between private sector security and public safety and law enforcement. Coverage will include history and security theory, but emphasis is on current practice, reflecting the technology-driven, fast-paced, global security environment. Such topics covered include a history of the security industry, security law, risk management, physical security, Human Resources and personnel, investigations, institutional and industry-specific security, crisis and emergency planning, critical infrastructure protection, IT and computer security, and more. Rather than being reduced to single chapter coverage, homeland security and terrorism concepts are referenced throughout the book, as appropriate. Currently, it vital that private security entities work with public sector authorities seamlessly—at the state and federal levels—to share information and understand emerging risks and threats. This modern era of security requires an ongoing, holistic focus on the impact and implications of global terror incidents; as such, the book’s coverage of topics consciously takes this approach throughout. Highlights include: Details the myriad changes in security principles, and the practice of private security, particularly since 9/11 Focuses on both foundational theory but also examines current best practices—providing sample forms, documents, job descriptions, and functions—that security professionals must understand to perform and succeed Outlines the distinct, but growing, roles of private sector security companies versus the expansion of federal and state law enforcement security responsibilities includes key terms, learning objectives, end of chapter questions, Web exercises, and numerous references—throughout the book—to enhance student learning Presents the full range of career options available for those looking entering the field of private security Includes nearly 400 full-color figures, illustrations, and photographs. Private Security: An Introduction to Principles and Practice provides the most comprehensive, up-to-date coverage of modern security issues and practices on the market. Professors will appreciate the new, fresh approach, while students get the most “bang for their buck,” insofar as the real-world knowledge and tools needed to tackle their career in the ever-growing field of private industry security. An instructor’s manual with exam questions, lesson plans, and chapter PowerPoint slides are available upon qualified course adoption.

**Introduction to the Practice of Statistics**

With this updated new edition, the market-leading Introduction to the Practice of Statistics (IPS) remains unmatched in its ability to show how statisticians actually work. Its focus on data analysis and critical thinking, step-by-step pedagogy, and applications in a variety of professions and disciplines make it exceptionally engaging to students learning core statistical ideas.

**The Practice of Medicinal Chemistry**

Introduction to Random Matrices

An Introduction to Religion and Politics offers a comprehensive overview of the many theories of religion and politics, and provides students with an accessible but in-depth account of the major ideas and concepts in the field. Religion and politics is a broad and diverse field, and this book provides an integrated introduction to the subject. The book begins with a brief overview of the major theories and concepts in the field, and then goes on to explore in more detail the relationship between religion and politics in a variety of contexts. The book ends with a discussion of the future of the field and the challenges facing researchers in the coming years.

**Introduction to the Practice of Statistics**

The beginner’s guide to Evidence-based Practice for Nursing, Health and Social Care. An Introduction to Evidence-based Practice in Nursing & Health aims to help students, educators, mentors and professionals to make sense of knowledge derived from research and how to use it in hospitals as a basis for making sound decisions about patient care. Covering everything from basic terminology to the application of Evidence-based Practice in everyday routine, this book is the guide to better practice. Written in an accessible and interactive style, An Introduction to Evidence-based Practice in Nursing & Health clearly sets out what Evidence-based Practice is, why it is important and how you can use it successfully to improve patient care. Key Features for success in Evidence-based Practice: Simply and quickly shows you what Evidence-based Practice is and how you can use it. Helps you to develop an understanding of the policies driving Evidence-based Practice and professional development. Regular reinforcement of your learning through integrated Activities and end-of-chapter self assessment. Extensive references and suggestions for further reading and online research. Integrated Glossary keeps you up-to-date with the latest jargon.

**Introduction to the Principalship**

The Step by Step series is a collection of exercise books/CDs for violin based on Dr. Shinichi Suzuki’s Mother-Tongue approach. From the very beginning, it will provide a solid foundation in instrumental technique. The focus is on teaching correct, child-appropriate practice habits that range from listening, singing, and dancing to playing music. The ideas presented should stimulate daily practice and also make it more effective. The CDs include pieces from the Suzuki Violin School in various tempi as well as the most important preparatory exercises.

**Public Health**

Revised and updated, Royce’s Introduction to the Practice of Fishery Science is a classic text. With a new chapter on aquaculture, this book provides the background for a first course in fishery science. Intentionally focused on the practical and professional requirements of careers in the management and maintenance of fisheries, this text will be useful to students as well as to established professionals.

**An Introduction to Educational Research**

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**Introduction to the Practice of Statistics**

The Introduction to African American Preaching is an important, groundbreaking book. This book acknowledges African American preaching as an academic discipline, and invites all students and preachers into a scholarly, dynamic, and useful exploration of the topic. Author Frank Thomas opens with a “bus tour” study of African American preaching. He shows how African American preaching has gradually moved from an almost exclusively oral to an oral/written tradition. Readers will gain insight into the history of the study of the African American preaching tradition, and catch the author’s enthusiasm for it. Next Thomas traces the relationship between homiletics and rhetoric in Western preaching, demonstrating how African American preaching is inherently theological and rhetorical. He then explores the question, “what is black preaching?” Thomas introduces the reader to methods of “close reading” and “ideological criticism.” Then he demonstrates how to use these methods. Using a sermon by Gardner Calvin Taylor as his example, the next chapter considers the question, “what is excellence in black preaching?” The next chapter seeks to create bridges and dialogue within the field of homiletics, and in particular, the Euro-American homiletic tradition. The goal of this chapter is to clearly demonstrate connections between the African American preaching tradition and the field of homiletics. Thomas turns next to questions about the relevancy of the church to the Millennial generation. Specifically, how will the African American church remain relevant to this generation, which is so deeply concerned with social justice?

**An Introduction to the Work of Pierre Bourdieu**