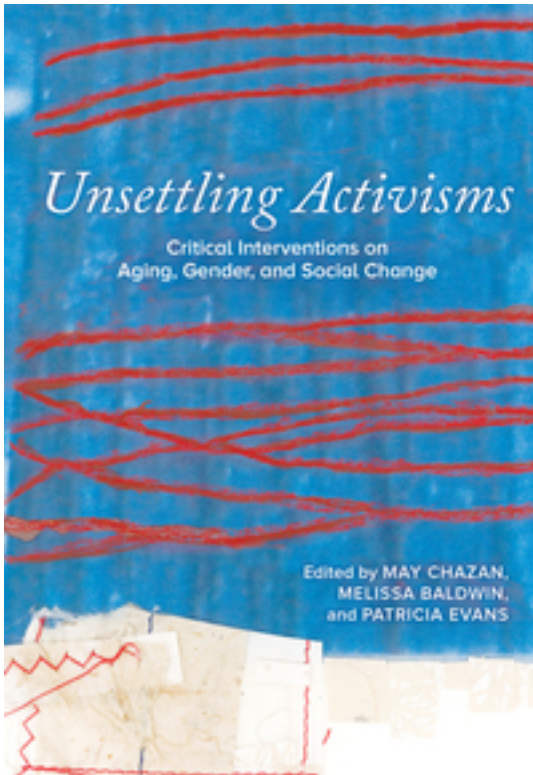


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How and why do “ordinary” women and nonbinary people engage in various forms of social-change work at different times in their lives? What does it mean for these people to age as activists? *Unsettling Activisms* brings together insights from academics and activists in an intergenerational conversation that addresses these questions. Drawing on diverse lived experiences, including contributions from leading feminist and age studies scholars, this volume investigates how powerful, interlocking forms of difference such as gender, class, race, ability, ethnicity, sexuality, and Indigeneity, shape the meaning and experience of both ageing and activism. This vital resource consists of eight analytic chapters and eight vibrant reflective pieces, alongside poignant poetry and photography. This collection is best suited for undergraduate and graduate courses in gender studies, activist and social movement studies, and age and aging studies.

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### Reviews

“In an era where recent political changes have led to a dramatic resurfacing of racism, sexism, and heteronormativity, and a dangerous backslide regarding human rights issues, this volume edited by Chazan, Baldwin, and Evans is more than just timely, it is critically important. The brilliant exploration of activism and aging, in many contexts and at many points in the life cycle, provides hope and inspiration for those of us who continue to struggle on the ground, at the front lines, or in the trenches. As mother and grandmother activists we feel this volume is a must read!”

—Jeannette Corbiere-Lavell, Wikwemikong First Nation, activist and Member of the Order of Canada, and Dawn Lavell-Harvard, Wikwemikong First Nation, Director of the First Peoples House of Learning, Trent University

“This book is a powerful read for its ability to not just simply state, but show how an intersectional framework actually works to capture those voices and identities previously made invisible or marginalized through the power structures of society. In each contribution, whether theoretical, analytical, prose, or image, each author superbly demonstrates the editors' overall goals of broadening traditional, static concepts around activism to be more inclusive of older women's political struggles, breaking down gender binaries to highlight more fluid identities, and decolonizing our gazes to privilege Indigenous voices.”

—Cheryl Gosselin, Sociology Department, Bishop's University

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