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Book Reviews

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There has been growing interest in comparative social welfare research over at least the last decade. In this volume, we publish 3 reviews that focus on this area of inquiry: a review essay of *The Oxford Handbook of the Welfare State* by James Midgley, Jennifer Zelnick's review of *Poor Women in Rich Countries: The Feminization of Poverty over the Life Course*, and Dorinda Noble's review of *Child Protection Systems: International Trends and Orientations*. Several other reviews are relevant to this topic since they focus on the decline of the welfare state (*Ill Fares the Land*) as well as new approaches to community organizing (*Contesting Community: The Limits and Potential of Local Organizing*), new community-focused approaches to achieving justice (*Social Work and Restorative Justice: Skills for Dialogue, Peacemaking, and Reconciliation*), and service provision in an altered political context (*Politics and Partnerships: The Role of Voluntary Associations in America's Past and Present*). The reviews conclude with a compelling look at the experience of those who live in two worlds (*Mexican Voices of the Border Region*).

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