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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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