Lever Press and Fulcrum: Sustaining a Commons Model of Library Publishing

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Outline

- Mike: history, funding, governance
- Beth: editorial program, peer review, challenges
- Emma: update on Fulcrum
- Jason: scholarly publishing workflows
The Big Idea

Digital-First Platinum
Open Access
Publisher of
Monographs Aligned
with the ethos of the
Liberal Arts
History

● Founded in 2015
● Funded through 2020
● Partnership with Amherst College Press and Michigan Publishing
Funding & Membership

- 48 supporting libraries
- Tiered membership model
- Raised almost $1.5 million
Governance

- Elected Oversight Committee
- Editorial Board drawn from membership
- Annual membership meeting
Lever Press

- Best practices in peer review ([leverpress.org/peerreview/](leverpress.org/peerreview/))
- Editorial selection
- Challenges
Fulcrum

- Flexible
- Durable (fulcrum.org/preservation)
- Accessible (fulcrum.org/accessibility)
- Discoverable
Forthcoming Lever Press Titles

- *History without Chronology* by Stefan Tanaka
  - Hypothesi.is integration

- *Make It New: Reshaping Jazz in the 21st Century* by Bill Beuttler
  - Embedded electronic press kits (professional music resumes)
Lever Press Production

- Workflows
- Collaboration tools
- Production schedules
- And published books!
# Project Management in Asana

![Asana Project Management Dashboard](image)

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## Tasks Currently In Progress

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## Tasks Completed

- Task 2: Completed successfully.
- Task 3: Successfully completed with minor adjustments.
- Task 4: Fully completed with all milestones met.

## Key Features

- **Data Visualization**: Allows easy tracking of tasks.
- **Collaboration Tools**: Facilitates team communication and task assignment.
- **Task Prioritization**: Helps in managing tasks based on urgency and importance.

## Conclusion

Asana is a powerful tool for project management, providing comprehensive features to keep teams organized, collaborative, and productive.
Launch Meeting
Lever Production Process

1. Launch meeting (~30 minutes)
   a. Determine level of complexity
   b. Note supplemental content and Fulcrum features
   c. Designate freelancers/vendors
   d. Assign project manager, capture metadata, create schedule
Lever Production Process, contd.

2. Copyediting (4-6 weeks)
3. PDF Layout and EPUB creation (1-6 weeks)
4. Print on Demand setup and Fulcrum ingest (3-4 weeks)
5. Print proofs (2-3 days)
6. Publication!
Promissory Notes: On the Literary Conditions of Debt
Robin Truth Goodman

There is no doubt that the beginning of the twenty-first century was marked by crises of debt. Less well known is that literature played a historical role in defining and teaching debt to the public. Promissory Notes: On the Literary Conditions of Debt addresses how neoliberal finance has depended upon a historical linking of geopolitical inequality and financial representation that positions the so-called "Third World" as negative value, or debt. Starting with novelist of Anthony Trollope's novel, The Eustace Diamonds, Goodman shows how colonized spaces came to inhabit this negative value. Promissory Notes argues that the twentieth-century continues to
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