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(Dagmar Herzog, Graduate Center, City University of New York)

“An unflinching and unsettling look at the limits of empathy, Borneman’s important ethnography carefully traces the complex pathways of desire, attachment, harm, violation, and care made visible in the context of rehabilitation.”  
(C. Jason Throop, University of California, Los Angeles)

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**John Borneman** is professor of anthropology at Princeton University. He is the author of many books, most recently *Political Crime and the Memory of Loss* and *Syrian Episodes: Sons, Fathers, and an Anthropologist in Aleppo*.

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