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Hillsdale welcomes Westwood Press!

New to the Hillsdale business landscape is Westwood Press. Founders Jessica Kaplan and Edward Zegarra have launched an independent publishing house dedicated to publishing works from the humanities and social sciences, narrative and creative nonfiction, as well as select literary fiction for trade and academia. Drawing upon their backgrounds as university lecturers and researchers, Kaplan and Zegarra are excited to bring a multi-disciplinary focus to Westwood Press.

Zegarra, who earned his PhD in anthropology from Binghamton University in New York, first got involved in professional editing after co-editing an 800-page volume on Andean archaeology published by UCLA's Cotsen Institute of Archaeology. His approach to publishing is based in collaboration, community, and creativity. Kaplan, who earned her PhD in anthropology from the University of California, Santa Barbara, has since worked with Granville Island Publishing in Vancouver, British Columbia. Together, they have more than 20 years' experience in education, editing, publishing, and project design and administration.

Westwood Press is excited to now welcome authors to their frontlist catalog. They also offer an array of services for both new and seasoned authors, including editing or storyline development, copyediting and proofreading, design, marketing, publishing, printing, and distribution. Authorship can be a complex undertaking and Westwood Press can work with authors from where they are. "It's ultimately a collaborative process," said Zegarra.

Zegarra and Kaplan strongly believe in the importance of equal representation and diversity

of perspectives in books. "There is a universe of stories, histories, and knowledge that are in danger of disappearing. But if it's written down, it gets preserved, it travels, and it can persevere," says Zegarra. Both fluent in Spanish, Zegarra and Kaplan also plan to incorporate and offer manuscript translations from Spanish to English and English to Spanish.

Kaplan grew up in the Hillsdale area attending Wilson (Ida B. Wells-Barnett) High School, class of 2005. She traveled around for both education and work and met Zegarra while they were both doing research for their doctoral dissertations. Today, they're proud to call Hillsdale home.

"In graduate school, being a lecturer and teacher's assistant for upwards of 90 students a quarter, I helped students and colleagues with their writing and found that it was a natural fit. I was able to see the larger organizational themes of a person's work and to help them develop their voice," Kaplan said.

After graduating, she found her passion as an editor and publishing associate and hasn't looked back. "We want to help people to publish their work because we know how important it is to get good stories out there that deserve to be told, knowing that this knowledge should be passed down and shared. We are interested in contributing to the intellectual and creative future of the world we live in."

Westwood Press is now announcing a call for submissions. Reach out and start the conversation about your next (or first) book today!

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