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October 27	*The Work of Religion: Violence, Trauma and Refusal in the Lives of Muslims in Hindu India* **Zehra Shama Mehdi**, Columbia University
December 1	*Papers in Honor of Professor Frances W. Pritchett* **Pasha Khan**, McGill University **Amy Bard**, Independent Scholar **Owen Cornwall**, University of California Berkeley
April 6	*Tryambaka's Women* **Kashi Gomez**, University of Pennsylvania
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