READINGS
An Invitation

The Editorial Board invites contributions to “READINGS,” a new section of Issues devoted to two questions that AIS members should have a way of asking and answering for each other:

What have you read, recently or even long ago, that should be on the reading list of anyone who is an interdisciplinarian?

What reading of an item makes it particularly worth the while of all who are interdisciplinarians?

Contributions should answer one or both questions in terms of publications — articles, books, reports, reviews, even whole journals — which deal directly with relationships among ideas and information that are themselves usually examined separately in different disciplines.

Contributions may take various forms — e.g., brief bibliographic descriptions (as little as five or ten lines could be useful); more extended interpretative/critical treatments of important items (see T. Jordan’s piece following), including items published in Issues; recommendations of pieces for reprinting (accompanied, please, by clear copy and full information about obtaining reprint permission).

Contributions will not be refereed in the usual manner. Instead, the Editorial Board will be solely responsible for deciding what to publish. Our intention is to be as inclusive as possible, the better to bring AIS to bear upon a pair of its oldest and most serious professional problems: “Interdisciplinarity” is not yet a common bibliographic category. “Interdisciplinarity” is not yet commonly and continuously explicated through important examples of its practice.

“READINGS” is meant to help us help each other. It will if you will.