Dear Colleagues,

My first book, *Gossip Men: J. Edgar Hoover, Joe McCarthy, Roy Cohn, and the Politics of Insinuation* is now available in paperback. I neglected to send an announcement to this listserv when the book was first published last year, so I thought this was a good opportunity to do so.

*Gossip Men* is a cultural and political history exploring how Hoover, McCarthy, and Cohn used the tools of the early Cold War’s flourishing gossip industry to craft advantageous public personas—especially relating to their masculinity and heterosexuality—while attacking those of their enemies. While those tactics helped them secure positions of power in the postwar security state, the same strategies were weaponized against all three men and helped contribute to their political downfall. The book’s exploration of how the Lavender Scare played out in the pages of tabloids, gossip columns, and gossip magazines should be of particular interest to H-Histsex readers.

Hope you are have a good week, wherever you may be.

Warm regards, Chris

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