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French Language and Francophone Culture in the United States

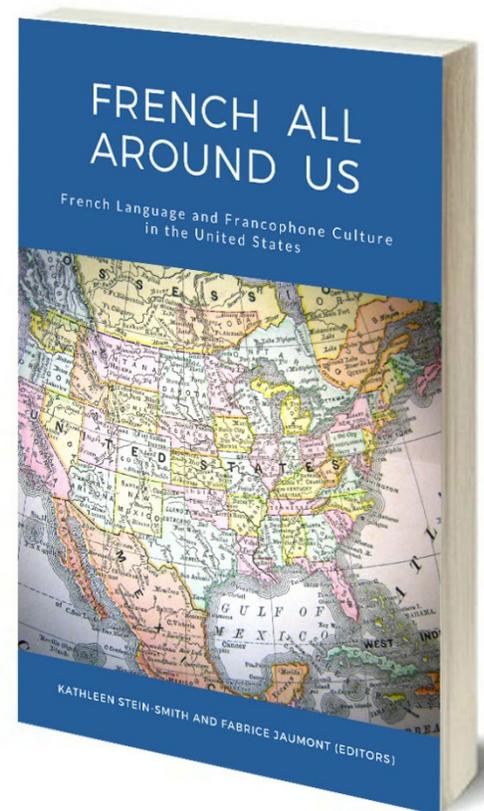
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