

# Contents

Acknowledgments · vii

Securing the City

An Introduction · 1

Kedron Thomas,  
Kevin Lewis O'Neill, and  
Thomas Offit

## Part One: Urban History and Social Experience

Living Guatemala City, 1930s–2000s · 25

Deborah T. Levenson

Primer de Julio

*Urban Experiences of Class Decline and Violence* · 49

Manuela Camus

Cacique for a Neoliberal Age

*A Maya Retail Empire on the Streets of Guatemala City* · 67

Thomas Offit

Privatization of Public Space

*The Displacement of Street Vendors in Guatemala City* · 83

Rodrigo J. Véliz and  
Kevin Lewis O'Neill

## Part Two: Guatemala City and Country

The Security Guard Industry in Guatemala

*Rural Communities and Urban Violence* · 103

Avery Dickins de Girón

Guatemala's New Violence as Structural Violence

Notes from the Highlands · 127

Peter Benson,

Kedron Thomas, and

Edward F. Fischer

Spaces of Structural Adjustment

in Guatemala's Apparel Industry · 147

Kedron Thomas

Hands of Love

*Christian Outreach and the Spatialization of Ethnicity* · 165

Kevin Lewis O'Neill

References · 193

Contributors · 213

Index · 215