

Contents

Acknowledgments	9
CHAPTER ONE	13
Ruined Land. America's Foreign Past. An Introduction	
CHAPTER TWO.....	53
Imperial Archaeology: Ancient Ruins and the American Isthmus	
CHAPTER THREE	103
Fossils and Immortality.	
Geological Time and Spiritual Crisis in Nineteenth-Century America	
CHAPTER FOUR.....	147
Ruins and Resilience: Re-Membering Gi'was	
CHAPTER FIVE	213
Epilogue	
Works Cited	223
Picture Credits	243