

Promotion and Tenure Reception

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Preface

The achievement of tenure or promotion represents years of hard work and achievement. We are honored to add a university-wide ceremony to the many individual and local celebrations of this success. It seems fitting to celebrate such an important personal and profession milestone at Auburn with the chief academic officer of the university, the provost, and to celebrate in the library.

Each year newly promoted or tenured faculty members are invited to identify a book that is meaningful to them. It can be personally meaningful or important to their development as scholars and faculty members. Each selected book receives a commemorative bookplate which includes the faculty member's name and the year of promotion or tenure. The books are added to the libraries' collections. The selected books and the descriptions provided by the faculty are included in this program. They range from appreciations of a scholarly monograph that crucial to research to distant memories of a read – or heard – during childhood. Some of the selected books articulate ultimate truths while other inspired or encouraged its reader. I am grateful to the faculty who took the time to provide these book selections and to the libraries staff who acquired and prepared the books and other materials for the exhibit.

Thanks are also due to the sponsors and planners of this event: Timothy R. Boosinger and Tammy Mayo from the provost's office, and Kim Conner, Lynn Moody and Jayson Hill in the library.

Bonnie MacEwan
Dean of Libraries

Faculty Promotions and Tenure 2014 Auburn University

Ayayi Claude Ahyi

Associate Research Professor

Department of Physics, College of Sciences and Mathematics

Segu

by Maryse Conde

“Segu” (and “Children of Segu”) is a masterpiece.

Maryse Conde is a skilled storyteller and her historical fiction is gripping, bringing history back to life through her characters. When I read the original edition in my teenage years ages ago, I could barely put the book down.

Apart from history, it taught me this: There is always a fun way to learn the driest subjects. All you need is enough imagination.

Benson Akingbemi

Professor

Department of Anatomy, Physiology, & Pharmacology, College of Veterinary Medicine

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

by Maya Angelou

I have great admiration for Maya Angelou, having worked her way to success in spite of a difficult upbringing and still was able to maintain her poise and dignity to the end of her life. This autobiography should be an inspiration to the younger generation to consider that difficult beginnings in life do not necessarily have to lead to failure but, rather, should be a motivating factor to reach for higher goals and ideals.

Christopher J. Anderson

Associate Professor with Tenure

School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

LaKami Baker

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Management, College of Business

Not Just a One-Night Stand: Ministry with the Homeless

by John Flowers

This book tells the story of how a dying church's decision to offer breakfast to homeless people led to radical changes in the church.

Years before the book, I was a part of a research team that was asked by the book's authors, who were the co-pastors of the church at the time, to come and study the decision-making process in the church.

We found so much more. The story behind this book led to my first journal publication, a best paper award, and most importantly, a greater appreciation for those who are marginalized.

Connor Ballance

Associate Research Professor

Department of Physics, College of Sciences and Mathematics

The Assassination Bureau, Ltd

by Jack London

It can be read is a simple fast paced adventure, the dangers of taking personal principle too far ... with a full spectrum of philosophical meanderings for the invested reader. I might have been slightly swayed by the associated movie starring Oliver Reed and Diana Rigg.

Justin Benefield

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Finance, College of Business

Glengarry Glen Ross

by David Mamet

My undergraduate career did not start out particularly well, and I was seriously considering quitting after my fifth semester. I decided to give semester six a try, and one of the courses I signed up for that semester was English 210 - American Literature After 1865. The course was of average difficulty, and I had been an average student at best up to that point. Something about the course really captured my interest, though, and I ended up doing exceedingly well. That course convinced me that I could succeed in college, and I did well from that point forward. One of the plays we studied that semester, "Glengarry Glen Ross," tells the story of the shady, underhanded dealings in one real estate brokerage office over a few intense days and the men involved in those dealings. Given that real estate brokerage is now my area of primary research interest, I thought "Glengarry Glen Ross" would be an appropriate choice from this very important semester.

Craig Bertolet

Professor

Department of English, College of Liberal Arts

Right-ho, Jeeves!

by P. G. Wodehouse

This book has no great wisdom to impart (except to remind one that gentlemen do not wear white mess jackets to a formal dinner, Mephistopheles costumes rarely come with pockets, and ticking off French chefs can have embarrassing results). It has no heroes who wrestle with the Great Truths (except to learn that aunts should not be trifled with, the stars may or may not be God's daisy chain, and nothing beats a good cup of tea). In fact, its principal characters are all fools (except the servant, Jeeves, is more clever than the entire cast of the novel put together). It is, though, screamingly funny. It is a comic masterpiece that showed me that humans are often silly, forgiveness can be infectious, and life must be a relentless pursuit of joy.

Morris Bian

Professor

Department of History, College of Liberal Arts

The Structure of Scientific Revolutions

by Thomas Kuhn

As I acknowledged in "The Making of the State Enterprise System in Modern China: The Dynamics of Institutional Change" (Harvard University Press, 2005), "The Structure of Scientific Revolutions" was a major source of my intellectual inspiration. Thomas Kuhn's analysis of the structure of scientific revolutions contributed directly to my formulation of a general theory of institutional change.

Saad Biaz

Professor

Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering, College of Engineering

The Complaint of Peace

by Desiderius Erasmus

I selected this book because after almost 500 years, it seems that the human being did not progress much in the search for peace and happiness. Humanity experienced strides of scientific and technological advances. As a computer networking researcher, I value that even in remote areas people can have cell phones. But, what is a cell phone good for if people starve and live in fear? What is it good for if the world did not learn to fairly share resources? What is it good for if human greed still provoke wars, massacres, and desolation? What is it good for if people who do not starve need therapy or drugs?

I selected this book with the hope that we will someday think about seriously educate our children with Erasmus' reasonable teaching.

I hope that each child will read from Erasmus at least once the following, "That animals attack each other, I understand it, I even excuse it, because of their ignorance, but men should recognize that the war itself is necessarily unfair, because usually it does not reach those who light it up and declare it, but it almost always puts its weight on the innocent, the poor people who do not benefit and neither win nor lose. It strikes mostly those who have nothing to do with the dispute and, even when the war is successful, happiness of a few is just desolation and ruin for many." After almost 500 years, we enjoy our iPhones with not one shred of thought of the misery and desolation that may lay behind them. Even with an iPhone, we are still not that far from the cave man. At least, the cave man did not seem to suffer from depression. These strides of progress become worries when not accompanied by some progress in wisdom and humanity.

Nedret Billor

Professor

Department of Mathematics/Statistics, College of Sciences and Mathematics

Ataturk: The Biography of the Founder of Modern Turkey
by Andrew Mango

I wanted our library to have a biography book on Ataturk, who is the founder of modern Turkey and is a great leader, who achieved so much in a short period of time, transformed the life of the Turkish nation and gave such profound inspiration to the world at large. Thanks to the reform on women's rights in 1926, which gave women the same opportunities as men, including full political rights I would not reach the place where I am right now. I believe this book will be an excellent addition to our library.

Barbara Bondy

Professor

Department of Art, College of Liberal Arts

Paper

I teach drawing in the Department of Art and drawing is central to my creative research. For this reason, among others, I selected the exhibition catalogue, "Paper". In summer 2013, while in London, England, I spent hours viewing this exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery. It features 44 artists who stretch the boundaries of paper as a raw material and as a vehicle for artistic expression. The artworks by these featured artists are a good resource for teaching, to help motivate students to push their ideas further. While this book focuses on a few contemporary artists it also sparks broader thinking about how creative expression is at the core of what it means to be a human being.

Marcia Boosinger

Librarian IV

Reference Department, AU Libraries

A Wrinkle in Time

by Madeleine L'Engle

I was 11 when I first read Madeleine L'Engle's "A Wrinkle in Time," and I remember the experience very vividly because it was the first time I had ever encountered a book that everyone, my teacher, my school librarian, my classmates, could hardly wait to get their hands on. I was intrigued by the idea that there was a book in such demand with a story so compelling that I would have to put my name on a list just to get a chance to check it out for a very limited time period. My anticipation was palpable and I remember how excited I was to start reading it immediately after school the day it was finally my turn. I read it nonstop, ignoring homework, meals and bedtimes in order to finish it. I remember just as vividly how disappointed I was when I was done and how long I replayed the story in my head, imagining myself as the heroine, Meg Murry, and conjuring up detailed images of all the other human and fantastic characters in the book.

Reading this book was the first time I realized that the power of a story, combined with the quotes from literature, philosophy and theology and the sophistication of the ideas from science, could combine to create potent messages about the strength of love and hope, the subtleties of good and evil and the promises of maturity and independence. The book shaped my future reading tastes and whetted my desire for books that challenged me and reinforced my growing sense that being myself was the most important thing I could be.

Duane Brandon

Professor

Department of Accountancy, College of Business

Sophie's World

by Jostein Gaarder

I read this book while an undergraduate. It helped stimulate my intellectual curiosity and interest in lifelong learning.

Evaden Brantley

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Crop, Soils and Environmental Sciences, College of Agriculture

40 Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World

by Howard G. Buffett

What can each of us do to make the world a better place? The 40 chances refers to the number of growing seasons (or years) that a farmer typically has to improve his harvests. We each have the opportunity to improve the world throughout our careers and beyond. It is an inspirational look at the need to address problems in our own community and around the world.

Stephen Ash Bullard

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Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind

by Shunryu Suzuki

Always be a beginner: the beginner's mind is limitless and sees endless possibilities; the expert's mind is limited and sees few possibilities.

Megan E. Burton

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Curriculum and Teaching, College of Education

From the Ground Up: Creating a Culture of Inquiry

by Heidi Mills and Amy Donnelly

I had the privilege of working with Heidi Mills, Amy Donnelly, and the Center for Inquiry for several years. Seeing the powerful impact that a professional development school partnership makes is part of the inspiration for the work that I currently do at Auburn. Teachers and university faculty worked as partners in fostering a community of learners. This Center of Inquiry gives elementary students a voice in their learning and empowers them to make a difference in their world. In addition, Heidi and Amy served as a mentors to me. They were listening ears, role models, and resources to me. They taught me how to support undergraduate and graduate students as they find their own professional voices. This book is an excellent read regarding school reform, putting research into practice, and teacher leadership.

Angela I. Calderon

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Pharmacal Sciences, School of Pharmacy

Preparative Chromatography Techniques: Applications in Natural Product Isolation

by Kurt Hostettmann

“Preparative Chromatography Techniques: Applications in Natural Product Isolation” is a strong foundation for natural products drug discovery because it provides basic techniques for separation of natural products. It was written by Professor Kurt Hostettmann, my Ph.D. supervisor, who has been a role model in my career in academia. I read this book when I was doing my Ph.D. in Pharmacognosy at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland. The knowledge acquired from Professor Hostettmann has been employed from the beginning of my scientific career until now. I have included this book in the list of suggested reading material for my graduate course on Separation Science and some excerpts of this book are presented in my course.

Toni Carter

Librarian III with Tenure

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The Emerald City of Oz

by L. Frank Baum

I read and reread all of the Oz books when I was young. This fantasy series enhanced my creative thought - a skill that I use daily as a librarian and teacher.

Casey Cegielski

Professor

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Talent Is Overrated: What Really Separates World-Class Performers from Everybody Else

by Geoffrey Colvin

This short book by Colvin expounds on a basic tenet that dedicated effort, as he calls it “designed practice,” is the most significant predictor of excellence in many disciplines. As someone with no natural talent, I’ve found this axiom to be consistently accurate in my life.

Peter Christopherson

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine

Platelets, 3rd edition

by Alan D. Michelson

Because it is near and dear to my heart when it comes to my research and clinical interests.

Paul Cobine

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Biological Sciences, College of Sciences and Mathematics

The Little Prince

By Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

This book reminds me that creativity and perspective are important for teaching and research.

Edward W. Davis

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Citizen of the Galaxy

by Robert Heinlein

We are all very small pieces in a much, much larger universe. However, we are not insignificant. The choices we make and actions we take, good and bad, affect those both near and far.

Virginia Davis

Professor

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Stuff Matters

by Mark Miodownik

This book, and a note from the publisher, seemed to randomly appear in my mailbox a few months ago. The title immediately got my attention. Clearly, “stuff matters,” but what stuff was the author referring to, and why? I soon found that each chapter focused on an everyday object shown in a picture of the author having tea on his roof: ceramic, plastic, steel, etc. The author wove stories of each object’s origin, history, chemistry, physics, and engineering into a remarkably entertaining story. He concluded with an insightful statement on the importance of our ability to understand and manipulate the chemical elements. “Although the materials around us may seem like blobs of differently colored matter, they are much more than that. They are complex expressions of human needs and desires. And in order to create these materials – in order to satisfy our need for things like shelter and clothes, our desire for chocolate and the cinema – we have had to do something quite remarkable: we have had to master the complexity of their inner structure. This way of understanding the world is called materials science. It is thousands of years old. It is no less significant, no less human, than music, art, film, literature or the other sciences.” Whether one is as a scientist, an engineer, a physician, an artist, a philosopher, or a consumer – stuff matters.

Leonardo De la Fuente

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Entomology & Plant Pathology, College of Agriculture
Madame Curie: A Biography

by Eve Curie

This book was a big motivation for my scientific career. I read this book when I was studying for my BS in biochemistry in Uruguay, and it really had a big influence on me. One of the things I remember the most is Marie Curie’s dedication and focus on her work, and the sacrifices she had to endure in her personal life to pursue her passion. I think this was the first time I envision how science works in the frame of someone’s life: the long hours in the laboratory, the need for challenging your own hypothesis, believing in your work, collaborating with other scientists and exchanging ideas. Some of the images portrayed in this book are still today very vivid in my memory.

Alecia Cleopatra Douglas

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Hospitality Management, College of Human Sciences

New Faculty: A Practical Guide For Academic Beginners

by Christopher J. Lucas and John W. Murray, Jr.

This book is a great resource and guide for junior faculty who are on the tenured path. It covers most everything one would anticipate facing during his or her academic pursuits. Advice on managing your scholarship, teaching, service, and student advising are covered, in addition to potential legal issues one could encounter in the academic environment.

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Terry Hanson

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Finfish Aquaculture Diversification

by Nathalie Le Francois, Jobling, Carter and Blier

This book represents a collection of scientists knowledge on aquaculture (fish farming). The world population will grow from its current 6.8 billion people to approximately 9.5 billion people in 2050 and one must ask how everyone will be fed. Aquaculture will play a major role in providing protein to people around the world, and this book captures the varied aspects of culturing fish, as well as choosing candidate species, future production systems, by-product utilization, organic production and economics. It is a good aquaculture resource book.

Michael H. Irwin

Research Professor

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The Lives of a Cell: Notes of a Biology Watcher

by Lewis Thomas

To me, this is an amazing book - an easy to read, beautifully written collection of seemingly random essays that explore biology, medicine, and the scientific method in a way that inspired my curiosity and made me think about the complex interrelationships of living things in a new way. Far better than any textbook I have ever read.

Claudine Jenda

Librarian IV

Reference Department, AU Libraries

Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul

by Maria Faustina Kowalska

Jacob Johnson

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine

Wall & Melzack's Textbook of Pain

by Stephen McMahon (ed)

God's plan for my life and career are perfect. It was pain that He used to spur my interest in pursuing additional specialty training that ultimately brought me to Auburn. In private practice, I was disturbed with the lack of analgesia provided to veterinary patients. I started to research the practical application of pain management, which greatly benefitted my patients. My hope was that if I could teach others what I had learned, it would benefit practitioners, clients, and their pets.

There is still much to be discovered about pain and animals serve as a great model for human pain. Advances in the field will promote animal welfare and benefit humanity. The understanding of the mechanisms of pain start here.

Allison Jones-Farmer

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Lean In

by Sheryl Sandberg

According to the U.S. Department of Education, 58 percent of the bachelor's degrees and 60 percent of the master's and PhD degrees are awarded to women. Yet, as of 2014, only 4.6 percent of the CEO's of Fortune 1000 are headed by women. Sheryl Sandberg's book gives her perspective on why there is such a discrepancy in the number of women who are educated and the number of women in leadership roles. Although I don't agree with everything in the book, much of it rings true. I recommend this book to any woman who wants to pursue a career, not only in business, but also in education, academia, the arts, or the sciences. I also recommend this book to any man who wants to lead people. I wish it had been written when I was in college.

Adam Jortner

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of History, College of Liberal Arts

Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes is the book of the Bible that reads least like a biblical book. After all, it goes ahead and announces one of the best reasons not to believe in God: “Sometimes the righteous are treated as the wicked; sometimes the wicked are treated as the righteous.” As I have grown older and watched a parade of leaders and nations pass through the world by shifting their problems onto others, as I have seen them strike unprovoked in violence and smile and lead their people in public prayer, I have wanted to shout: “Sometimes the righteous are treated as the wicked; sometimes the wicked are treated as the righteous.”

But Ecclesiastes is not interested in shouting. It is a spare, stark account, suffused by loneliness – not exactly what most Americans think of as biblical themes. We might say it revels in depression, except that Ecclesiastes does not revel in anything: “All things are wearisome, more than one can express.” Greatness means nothing. Effort means nothing. Even knowledge means nothing; it is “a vanity, and a chasing after the wind.”

Ecclesiastes is the book that lets us peek behind the curtain, a terribly honest book, that sits right in the middle of the stories of angels and powers and prophets. It is somehow a sacred book that includes within it the case against God. Without Ecclesiastes, the Bible might be dismissed as a mere collection of stories; with it, the Bible shrugs off accusations of mere wish fulfillment.

I find myself returning to Ecclesiastes, almost in spite of myself. (It is not a fun read.) I came across the “Pocket Canon” edition as a young man drifting through New York. I spent many long subway rides reading it in the perpetual night of the Gotham underground. Then and now, the questions of Ecclesiastes are the ones I keep returning to, as a historian and as a human being. Why are the wicked treated as the righteous? Is change possible? Who runs the world, and how? Can we hope to construct meaning in a world where the fierce and the terrible are always at our doorstep? I will never be free from these questions. I will probably be asking them until the day I die. “This too is a vanity, and a chasing after the wind.”

Bill E. Josephson

Senior Lecturer

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The Foundation Trilogy

by Isaac Asimov

The three novels that make up “The Foundation Trilogy” (“Foundation,” “Foundation and Empire,” and “Second Foundation”) were originally published as short stories/novellas during the 1940s. They were packaged in novel form in the early 1950s. I didn’t know any of this when I read them in my early teens - all I knew was that this was hard science fiction on a grand scale (Galactic Empire! Psychohistory! References to the Encyclopedia Galactica’s 116th edition!). And, while I was never officially told that Isaac Asimov’s writing style was “extremely unornamented,” I sure appreciated his clear writing. Asimov’s works helped sustain my love of reading and thus played a major part in my education.

Robert Kennis

Professor

Department of Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Goat – Top Top Tales Book

by Georgiana

My parents read this children’s book to me and my brothers. It is a brilliant story about an altruistic doctor who took care of his forest friends. I still remember “Pink pills for the owl with fuzz on his tongue.” When Dr. Goat became ill, his patients came to assist him. This book inspired me to become a veterinarian. At a very young age, it encouraged me to help others. I do not know the whereabouts of our family book. I saw a copy on a web search and the memories brought a tear to my eye. Hooray for Dr. Goat!

Sridhar Krishnamurti

Professor

Department of Communication Disorders, College of Liberal Arts
Epidemiology

by Leon Gordis

An awareness of public health problems is growing (recent Ebola outbreak is an example) in our society. For any consumer of research (faculty, students, others), this is certainly one of the clearest textbooks on basic epidemiology written. It is very logical and easy to follow and understand.

David Lucsko

Associate Professor with Tenure

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Medieval Technology and Social Change

by Lynn White

Its methodology and conclusions have long been superseded in my field, but I still love Lynn White's masterpiece. Although I went on to study a very different area of the history of technology, White's book is the one that first piqued my interest in the history of technology as a whole. I first read it as an undergraduate in the 1990s, and at the time it was the most exciting and interesting book I'd ever read -- period. And even today, every time I go back to it I am filled with the same sense of wonder and enthusiasm that I felt when I first opened it 20 years ago. Kudos and thanks to Lynn White for helping me to find my passion!

Dan Mackowski

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William Matt Malczykcki

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Alcoholics Anonymous

by Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous is a historically-significant organization. Historians of medicine, religion, culture, society, and literature as well as scholars in other fields have studied and written about AA. The book, "Alcoholics Anonymous," is the basic text of the organization. The Library of Congress recognizes this book as one of the "Books that Shaped America," yet we don't have a copy at the RBD Library. The AA book is, in itself, worthy of scholarly consideration, but it is also a practical addition to the Auburn libraries. Reading this book has helped a lot of people learn about, live with, and recover from alcoholism. The fact that the first 164 pages of the book are essentially the same now as they were in 1939 is a testament to the efficacy of its message. If only one person finds this book helpful --whether for professional or personal reasons-- then it will have been a good choice.

Beverly Marshall

Professor

Department of Finance, College of Business

Lean In

by Sheryl Sandberg

I wish that I had read “Lean In” by Sheryl Sandberg earlier in my career.

I hope that by choosing this book it will bring it to the attention of those entering their career.

Justin Marshall

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering

Earthquakes and Engineers: An International History

by Robert Reitherman

This book demonstrates the ways engineers have responded to and improved infrastructure performance in earthquakes. My hope is that through my research efforts over my career, I can have an impact in this field as the impacts of earthquakes on society can be enormous. I am proud to participate in the great endeavor to reduce these impacts on society and hopefully make the next version of this history different.

J. Scott McElroy

Professor

Department of Crop, Soils & Environmental Sciences, College of Agriculture

A Guinea Pig’s History of Biology

by Jim Endersby

“A Guinea Pig’s History of Biology” is my favorite book on the history of modern biological discovery. Endersby presents biological research in the context of how model organisms came to fruition. From guinea pigs and Mendel’s peas to modern day model systems such as the fruit fly and Arabidopsis, Endersby provides deep historical context of the labs and persons who championed these model species. “Guinea Pig” struck a chord with me personally. I remember studying the history of many of the individuals mentioned in the book, but beyond memorizing the information for a test it never meant anything to me. After reading this book it gave me a much better understanding of what it must have been like to work in the lab of Thomas Hunt Morgan and other such notables. I find “Guinea Pig” to be a very motivational book. I find myself re-reading chapters when I am feeling that no experiment is going right. It helps me to remember that even some of the greats of biology had their own troubles they had to overcome to be successful--although some more personal than scientific.

German Mills

Professor

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Sciences and Mathematics

Jennifer Mueller

Professor

Department of Accountancy, College of Business

Business on Trial: The Civil Jury and Corporate Responsibility

By Valerie Hans

Hans' book has been instrumental in my post-tenure research agenda.

Her work inspired several of my academic articles.

Nancy Noe

Librarian IV

Reference Department, AU Libraries

A Wrinkle in Time

by Madeleine L'Engle

This award-winning children's book combines themes of creativity, science, art, fantasy, faith, fate, free will and love. As one who rarely bounced a ball in time, those themes spurred my imagination and offered encouragement and hope. Even today, those same basic tenets and ideals influence how I teach and interact with students in the classroom and at the reference desk.

"There's nothing the matter with his mind. He just does things in his own way and in his own time."

Gretchen D. Oliver

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Kinesiology, College of Education

To Kill a Mockingbird

by Harper Lee

This is a compelling story of standing up for what's right even when the costs are high. It has a moral lesson of putting yourself in other's shoes.

"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view - until you climb into his skin and walk around in it."

- Harper Lee

I think it is a great story through the eyes of a young educated girl in a small southern town. It is an excellent display of a young girl's courage. Harper Lee is excellent in portraying a child observing her surroundings with a grown woman's depiction of her childhood.

Darren Olsen

Associate Professor with Tenure

School of Building Science, College of Architecture, Design and Construction

NIV Life Application Study Bible

Proverbs 9:10 - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Brenda Ortiz

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Crop, Soils and Environmental Sciences, College of Agriculture

The Alchemist

by Paulo Coelho

This book empowered me to believe I can do and be whatever I set my mind to, seeking multiples options in order to reach my dreams, persevere and do not give up. I discovered this book while in Graduate School and it quickly became almost like a manual for endurance and self-trust.

W. Frank Owsley

Professor

Department of Animal Sciences, College of Agriculture

Pigs from Cave to Cornbelt

by Charles Towne

This book combines the science of animal genetics with historical investigations to determine the origins of swine, with implications for other food animal species.

Eric J. Peatman

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture & Aquatic Sciences, College of Agriculture

Hannah Coulter

by Wendell Berry

Woven through Berry's fictional account of the people of Port William, Kentucky is a celebration of family, rural community, and a rooted, agrarian existence. At the same time, Berry mourns the loss of the small family farm as the backbone of Southern society. Berry's poignant writing and patient advocacy is bearing fruit as it has been taken up in recent years by Michael Pollan, Joel Salatin, and others championing the "local" and "sustainable" in the ways we eat and live. This book broadly shaped my thinking regarding place, family, economics, and the need for an agriculture-driven rebirth of small Southern communities.

Allison Plumb

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Communication Disorders, College of Liberal Arts
Handbook of Autism and Developmental Disorders, Third Edition
by Fred R. Volkmar, Rhea Paul, Ami Klin, and Donald Cohen

“The Handbook of Autism and Developmental Disorders” is invaluable to practitioners working with individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Edited by some of the world’s foremost authorities on ASD, the two-volume set provides a comprehensive compilation of critical and essential information on topics such as epidemiology, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention. This set was one of the first purchases I made upon getting my position as assistant professor in communication disorders at Auburn University. While the number of books that I own on the subject continues to grow, I still keep this set on the bookshelf closest to my desk so it will always be at arm’s reach.

Derek Ross

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of English, College of Liberal Arts
The Monkey Wrench Gang
by Edward Abbey

I blame Edward Abbey for how I turned out. I was a sophomore, and attending high school in Davis, CA while my father was on sabbatical from the University of Southern Mississippi when a long-haired kid in my chemistry class, Jake, I believe, asked me if I’d ever read “The Monkey Wrench Gang.” I’d already become a fan of Abbey’s “Desert Solitaire,” but this book was something completely different. By parts polemic, instruction guide, ecological treatise, and wild-west romance, TMWG captured my imagination, and my attention. There’s something powerful in this book, it sits as the touchstone for many radical environmental groups, and offers by parts a larger-than-life romp through the west and a practical how-to guide for those dissatisfied with traditional political discourse. Technical communication, rhetoric, fiction, fantasy, and travelogue, they’re all here. Now, to paraphrase Abbey, go outside and play while there’s still an outside to play in.

Tatiana I. Samoylova

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Stephanie Schleis

Associate Clinical Professor

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Science Experiments You Can Eat

by Vicki Cobb

When I was nine years old, my mother's first cousin, Vicki Cobb, published her first science book for children and sent me a copy.

"Science Experiments You Can Eat." Who wouldn't love a book called that? Leading up to the publication of this book, and during the years that followed, Vicki would visit us, send more books, and try out new science activities with me and my younger sisters. She and her books inspired me to find my inner scientist, and eventually my inner science teacher. I would not be where I am today without her books and her presence in my life.

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The Mentee's Guide: Making Mentoring Work for You

by Lois Zachary

Dr. Lois Zachary, the author, has served as my professional mentor for five years. She and I share a passion for mentoring. Mentoring

is my research agenda here at Auburn. I use this book as a text for two courses I teach: Personal and Professional Development and Mentoring for Career Development. This practical manual is one of the few resources available for mentees (proteges) as they prepare for a mentoring relationship.

Other mentoring books by Lois Zachary include: "The Mentor's Guide," and "Creating a Mentoring Culture."

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Exploring the Dangerous Trades - The Autobiography of Alice Hamilton, M.D.

by Alice Hamilton

Alice Hamilton was an amazing women and is considered by many to be the mother of industrial hygiene and occupational medicine. Her sound logic, natural curiosity, and desire to help workers is inspirational. She fought against many stereotypes and immense social pressure. She fought for the little guy and helped improve the health and safety of many workers both directly and through her pioneering work that inspired generations of safety and health practitioners. Alice Hamilton is one of my heroes and I'm sure she will be a hero to anyone who reads this book.

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The Proud Tower: A Portrait of the World Before the War, 1890-1914
by Barbara Tuchman

I first read this book in high school, and was captivated by Tuchman's mastery of style as a history writer and the epic scope of her subject matter. "The Proud Tower" sparked an interest in European history generally, and the First World War specifically, that remains an abiding obsession (as indicated by my career path). I remember thinking two things when I first read it: "One day I hope to write something this good," and "I'll probably never write anything this good." Being an optimist by nature, I have yet to give up hope.

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Chinese/English Bible - CUV Simplified/NIV HC (Chinese Edition)
by Biblica

I have read this bilingual Bible book with a heart of gratitude to the Almighty. Although I am a scientist exploring the mechanisms of the human body's physiology and diseases, I believe that the Christian religion is a more comprehensive and straightforward understanding of human beings. My favorite verse in the Bible is "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom (Psalm 90:12)". As a 45-year-old man, I realize that it is wise to do the best science and teaching possible in the rest of my life with our Lord's blessings and for His glorification.

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The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See

by Richard Rohr

This book helped me to understand that dualistic thinking (either/or thinking) leads to the ego's control. Non-dualistic thinking (both/and thinking) leads to spiritual peace and embracing the present moment. In my work with incarcerated individuals, both adults and adolescents, holding the tension between seemingly contradictory circumstances can be very challenging. Richard Rohr's work keeps me focused on the "naked now" and accepting that we all have "divine DNA" irrespective of our life circumstances.

Jennifer Spencer

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The Cheetahs of De Wildt

by Ann van Dyk

Ann allowed me the opportunity to realise a life-long dream of working with cheetahs. She also has dedicated her life to help bring the species back from the verge of extinction. Many important discoveries about cheetah biology and successful reproduction were made under her guidance and care.

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The Botany of Desire: A Plant's-Eye View of the World

by Michael Pollan

As a horticulturist, I really enjoyed this book. The book focuses on how human desires evoked by plants led to their domestication and proliferation.

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The Whisper of the River

by Ferrol Sams

This is an excellent coming of age story that highlighted to me the importance of education.

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Karlsson-on-the-Roof

by Astrid Lindgren

This was one of my favorite (if not the most favorite) childhood books. When Astrid Lindgren was asked to comment on her book being one of the two books found in most people's homes in the USSR (a country where I grew up) along with the Bible, she replied: "Oh, I didn't know that the Bible was so popular in the Soviet Union!" Sadly, very few people in the U.S. ever heard about this book by Astrid Lindgren who is a very well-known author in her country. Karlsson is a witty, plump, and mischievous middle-aged man who has a propeller on his back and lives in a little house on the roof of an apartment building in Stockholm. He befriends a little boy named Svante and takes him on many adventurous trips at night. Karlsson is middle-aged but has a spirit of a child; he's a big-time prankster, is very entertaining and will make you laugh all the time. I hope more and more parents in this country will discover this wonderful book by Astrid Lindgren for themselves and their children.

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Jonathan Livingston Seagull

by Richard Bach

I remember reading this book for the first time when I was thirteen. I immediately identified with Jonathan, his burning desire to soar, to learn, to teach, to love life, and to find meaning in it. The story moved me and inspired me. Since then I have read the book several times and have at least a copy on my bookshelves wherever I am. Jonathan Livingston is a role model in my personal and professional life - an uncompromising nature, an undying passion for learning and teaching, a way of living with generosity, love, and forgiveness, and goals that go beyond our earthly rewards.

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Glucose Homeostasis and the Pathogenesis of Diabetes Mellitus
Medicine

edited by Ya-Xiong Tao

In addition to the 40-plus peer-reviewed research and review articles that I have published since I joined the faculty at Auburn, I am very proud of the five books that I have edited since 2009. These volumes deal with mutations in G protein-coupled receptor genes in numerous human diseases, including obesity and diabetes, the area of my research focus. The current volume discuss how glucose is maintained in our body at a normal level and how dysfunction of this regulation cause type 2 diabetes. My next book in preparation will be on genetics of obesity, again to be published by Elsevier.

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The Eastern Oyster, *Crassostrea Virginica*
by Victor Kennedy

Despite being published in 1996, this book is still referred to as the oyster bible by most of my colleagues. This is an indispensable resource for anyone interested in the biology of oysters, *Crassostrea Virginica*. I was also lucky enough to have Dr. Kennedy as my co-advisor during my doctoral studies.

Yifen Wang

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Hans Christian Andersen: The Complete Fairy Tales and Stories
by Hans Christian Andersen

When I was promoted to associate professor, I selected a copy of “Tolerance” written by Hendrik Willem van Loon as a book meaningful to me. I guess it might be too serious and too philosophical because few people touched it during the past five years.

This time, as a father of two children, I selected a book of fairy tales and stories. Some of the most famous fairy tales in the book include “The Little Mermaid”, “The Ugly Duckling”, “The Little Match Girl”, “The Emperor’s New Clothes” and many more which are frequently heard, and can be recited by many of us. The wisdom in the book is far beyond what common adults have. “The Emperor’s New Clothes” is a splendiferous example.

Wendi Weimar

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Kinesiology: Scientific Basis of Human Movement
by Nancy Hamilton

It was part of my education and later I became a co-author.

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Symphony of Psalms

by Igor Stravinsky

I have listened to “Symphony of Psalms” many times and have never failed to be struck by the beauty and meaning of this work. It showed me that disparate elements can add up to a unified whole and that beautiful does not necessarily mean pretty. Stravinsky took an unusual combination of voices and instruments – four-part chorus, flutes, oboes, bassoons, contrabassoon, brass, cello, double bass (but no violins or violas), harp, timpani, and two pianos – and wrote a stark, powerful work. The beautiful proportions, the unadorned, jagged melodic lines, the oboe that opens the second movement, and the final, hypnotic Alleluia all make the symphony a favorite of mine.

James Richard Willis

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Love & Respect: The Love She Desires Most; The Respect He

Desperately Needs

by Emerson Eggerichs

Over the past five years, I have learned a lot about life, civil engineering, and myself. But nothing has been more valuable than learning how to be a better husband - the husband my wife deserves.

She is my constant support and I would not have made it this far without her sacrifice and constant affirmation.

Norbert Wilson

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Thinking, Fast and Slow

by Daniel Kahneman

My book choice reflects a new direction in my work. I have been intrigued with the behavioral aspects of economics since my first economics course. However, I did not know of the field of behavioral economics, which is a blend of economics and psychology, until recently. This field challenges some fundamental assumptions of economics, such as the rationality of economic agents. The body of work in behavioral economics points to ways we can make better choices by understanding the systematic errors we make in our decisions. Kahneman, who is a psychologist, won the Nobel Prize for Economics because of the work that he and Amos Tversky developed in behavioral economics. "Thinking, Fast and Slow" is a foundational text of the study of behavioral economics; thus, it has served as a guide for the work that I am beginning now.

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The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

by Stephen Covey

“*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lesson in Personal Change*” is a book that provides information about being stable in a fast moving world. The concepts found in this book encourage us to think deeply about our lives and what is in and out of balance. It asks us to be proactive instead of reactive and to engage and maintain healthy and meaningful relationships. If we are centered then everything else can be whirling and swirling around us and we will be ok because we are grounded. If you have not had chance to read this one, I would encourage you to do so.

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Complexity: A Guided Tour

by Melanie Mitchell

In “*Complexity: A Guided Tour*,” the author presents the fundamental principles of the science of complexity. I found it quite intriguing to see how the basic principles of this trans-disciplinary paradigm explains the recurrent mechanisms across wide range of phenomena observed in nature, biology, physics, chemistry, sociology, economy, engineering, and cognition. Traffic congestions, stock market crashes, patterns in modern jazz, wars, conflicts, news, rumors, epidemics, social networks, innovation dynamics, etc. – all explained using complexity.

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Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance

by Robert Pirsig

I read the book for the first time as an undergraduate and have reread it several times since. It offers many messages, including the need to take the time to appreciate life. The afterward reminds us to appreciate those in our lives. My hope is that those who pick up the book will be inspired to undertake new journeys, to explore where they fit in the world, and to find the time to reflect on life itself, perhaps even while on a long motorcycle ride in the country.

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The Wee Free Men

by Terry Pratchett

Fantasy was one of the first genres in which I found myself, as a reader, utterly lost in the text and in love with a book. Over the years, Terry Pratchett's "Discworld" series has become one of my dearest reading pleasures. Filled with satire, color, and irreverence, Pratchett's work feels like a guilty sin to read, the book equivalent of a brick-sized slice of chocolate mousse cake. Before dinner. He has written so many great stories, yet the Tiffany Aching series, which starts with "The Wee Free Men," speaks to me. It encourages readers to find our inner strengths, the courage to be ourselves, and the heroism to stand up for those whose voices will not otherwise be heard, even at the risk of our personal sacrifice. Did I see that this is a young adult novel? Ach crivens! It's for the rest of us, too!



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