

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, Melinda Nunn, and Jayson Hill in the library.

*Bonnie MacEwan
Dean of Libraries*

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Auburn University

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Professor

College of Sciences and Mathematics: Mathematics and Statistics

The Man Who Knew Infinity: A Life of the Genius Ramanujan
by Robert Kanigel

Srinivasa Ramanujan was an early 20th century Indian mathematical genius who, despite abject poverty and colonial occupation, made some of the greatest mathematical discoveries of all time. This biography gives a fascinating insight into Ramanujan's unconventional life and mind.

Brian Anderson

Tenure

College of Engineering: Civil Engineering

The Colour and the Shape
by Foo Fighters

The Foo Fighters have released eight studio albums, the first in 1995 as I was completing my BS degree and embarking on my academic career. As music is a driving force in my life, songs by the Foo Fighters have marked important milestones such as the birth of my first child and my first tenure track position. However, the track "Everlong", on their second album "The Colour and the Shape", defines my relationship with my wife, without whom I would never have accomplished tenure. Twice.

"And I wonder

If everything could ever feel this real forever

If anything could ever be this good again

The only thing I'll ever ask of you

You've got to promise not to stop when I say when..."

Emily M. Armstrong

Associate Clinical Professor

School of Pharmacy

Letters to a Young Pharmacist: Sage Advice on Life and Career from Extraordinary Pharmacists

by Susan Cantrell

This is a helpful guide to navigating the professional challenges and opportunities pharmacists may encounter. The book is a compilation of writings from accomplished practitioners in the pharmacy profession, and the letters written by these practitioners offer invaluable advice to new pharmacists. It has provided me insight and alternate viewpoints on experiences I've already encountered, as well as ideas for how to handle possible future challenges.

Robert Arnold

Tenure

School of Pharmacy: Drug Discovery and Development

The Pleasure of Finding Things Out: The Best Short Works of Richard P. Feynman

by Richard Feynman

“The Pleasure of Finding Things Out” is an entertaining collection of stories derived from interviews, speeches and lectures from the Nobel winning physicist Dr. Richard Feynman. This book provided insights into why Dr. Feynman and many researchers get drawn to a career in science. As a graduate student this book was a welcome look into the success and challenges of one of the greatest scientists of our time.

I frequently reread this book and “What Do You Care What Other People Think?” by Feynman (1988) to remind myself that discovery consists of looking at things differently and enjoying both successes and failures.

Terry Brandebourg

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Agriculture: Animal Sciences

Marilyn N. Bulloch

Associate Clinical Professor

School of Pharmacy

When God Winks at You

by Squire Rushnell

Life does not always end up like we plan. Fifteen years ago, I never would have envisioned myself practicing pharmacy, much less in Alabama, with the family I have now, and in academia. This book is full of inspirational stories about real life God winks - things beyond our control that change the direction of our lives for the better. Many are situations we might not naturally have chosen to go through ourselves, but in the end everything turned out better than the person could have hoped. These are real life stories of famous and ordinary people that are very relatable. This is helpful for me to remember when things don't go exactly like I would want or plan, it might mean that God has a better direction in mind.

Charles Chen

Tenure

College of Agriculture: Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences

An Hour Before Daylight

by Jimmy Carter

In "An Hour Before Daylight," Jimmy Carter reflects on his boyhood on a Georgia farm during the Great Depression. The hardships of his childhood such as plowing fields with mule, lighting candles with kerosene, and using water from wells almost mirror my youth where I grew up in rural southeast China. So this book touched a tender spot in my heart. The book also emphasizes the value of hard work, personal responsibility, and an appreciation of diversity, all of which I also learned from my parents. The 39th President of the United States of American and former governor of Georgia really has inspired me from the time I was a peanut geneticist working in the USDA-ARS National Peanut Research Lab at Dawson, Ga. in 2007 to now as an associate professor at Auburn, and has made me feel patriotic – pleased to live in a country where a "peanut farmer" from rural Georgia can become President. This book truly makes an outstanding gift for generations to come.

Mildred Coates

Librarian III and Tenure

Auburn University Libraries

Your Erroneous Zones

by Wayne Dyer

Everything I have accomplished as an adult I owe to this book. I went through a rough patch after graduating from college. I felt trapped in a cage of other people's expectations, and I didn't know how to free myself. This book helped me re-evaluate the things I thought I knew. I was able to keep what had value for me and let go of things that were creating problems without providing any benefit: things like Guilt, Fear, and the Shoulds and Oughts we all encounter. I learned to recognize what truly mattered to me and what did not. I also learned how to tell when I needed help, when I just needed to put my head down and keep going, and when it was time to stop what I was doing and do something different. I still go through rough times. But this book gave me the tools that I use to find my way through to the other side.

Ashley Brian Sockwell Curtiss

Senior Lecturer

College of Sciences and Mathematics: Chemistry and Biochemistry

Jitterbug Perfume

by Tom Robins

With variations on common theme mixed with wild imagination, "Jitterbug Perfume" has been an old favorite. It started me down the path of wonderment and imagination of what could be made based on what we know.

In addition to every Tom Robins book; I've been an admirer of Charles Bukowski because he spoke his truth, Howard Zinn because he helps me remember "the People," and Noam Chomsky because he reminds me that consent can be manufactured. Any of these writers could have been chosen for this honor.

Gopikrishna Deshpande

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Engineering: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Inner Workings During Yoga Practice = Yoga Sastra Vijnana

by Ananthapadmanabha TV

This book profoundly impacted me in my formative years. The author formulates many interesting hypotheses about the effects on Yoga on the human brain. It inspired me to study the human brain and led me to my current research topic, i.e. functional MRI of the human brain

Sarit Dhar

Associate Professor

College of Sciences and Mathematics: Physics

Lori Giget Eckhardt

Professor

School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

Leptographium Species: Tree Pathogens, Insect Associates, and Agents of Blue-Stain

by Karin Jacobs

When I was a new graduate student I began working with a group of fungi in which keys were difficult to find. I emailed Mike Wingfield, the co-author of this book. He told me that there was a monologue in preparation but it would still be a year or so before it was in print. About two weeks later I received the galley print of this book with all the notes in the margin and was able to use it to complete my identifications for my PhD. I still work with these fungi and use this book on a regular basis, as do my students. I thank Mike for allowing me access to this invaluable resource before it was printed.

Kathy Jo Ellison

Professor

School of Nursing

Making the Blind Man Lame

by Michael Johnson

This book challenged my thinking and enhanced my vision concerning cross-cultural health care. The book teaches humility and challenges your biases in ways that are both intriguing and encouraging.

Kathryn Floyd

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Liberal Arts: Art

The Venice Biennale 1895-1968: From Salon to Goldfish Bowl

by Lawrence Alloway

Lawrence Alloway's account of the Venice Biennale is one of the first monographic histories of an art exhibition. As a doctoral student looking for ways to connect my background in the social sciences with my work in the history of art, I stumbled upon Alloway's study, which I found to be an indispensable model of a new kind of art history, one that went beyond the interpretation of art objects to examining the ways institutions, events, networks, and media display and instrumentalize them. I ended up writing my own study of an international exhibition series, the postwar German show documenta, which led me on a path to specializing in the history and theory of art exhibitions.

Michael Fogle, Jr.

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Sciences and Mathematics: Physics

Kids' Whole Future Catalog

by Paula Taylor

I received a copy of this book on my tenth birthday. I was already interested in how things worked and was constantly taking things apart; most of which never quite got put back together! This book was an amalgamation of future ideas and concepts that fascinated me. Even to this day, I can recall the vivid cartoons and pictures that showcased "the future" as seen from the dawn of a pre-internet, pre-cell phone age. Interestingly enough, some of these things have come to pass and some still hang in the balance of thought and discovery. This book gave a boy bearing and helped point me down a path to seek out the wonders of the awesome universe around us.

Emily Friedman

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Liberal Arts: English

A Laughing Matter

by April De Angelis

I saw "A Laughing Matter" when it was produced by the National Theatre in London during my final semester in college. I already loved the eighteenth-century novel and the noisy print culture from which it emerged, but De Angelis's depiction of the famous actor-manager David Garrick captured my imagination, and taught me that print and performance kissed, quarreled, and ultimately were inseparable from one another. The play, like De Angelis's "Playhouse Creatures" (which will be performed in the fall -- my first semester as an associate professor) is based on real-life backstage drama, as Garrick contemplates taking a big risk staging of Oliver Goldsmith's new play "She Stoops to Conquer." We know now that the gamble will pay off, and Goldsmith's "laughing comedy" would change the stage, and the first lines of his poem "The Deserted Village" would give "sweet Auburn, loveliest village of the plain" its name. The first graduate course I taught at Auburn used "A Laughing Matter" as its central text, creating a community of men and women who came alive again for me and my students. Auburn has copies of many other books that have been important to me: Brewer's "The Pleasures of the Imagination," Sayers's Gaudy "Night," Dostoevsky's "The Brothers Karamazov," among others, but no copy of this play, and for that reason I have selected this book.

Sean Gallagher

Tenure

College of Engineering: Industrial and Systems Engineering

Clinical Anatomy of the Lumbar Spine and Sacrum

by Nikolai Bogduk

This book was the most comprehensive treatise on the anatomy and biomechanics of the lumbar spine, a major focus of my research. The book was full of revelations regarding the mechanisms of injury to the spine and sources of low back pain....very evidence-based and a great synthesis. Rigorous review of the literature and tremendous detail on every facet of the lumbar spine and damage mechanisms.

Julie Ann Gard

Professor

College of Veterinary Medicine: Clinical Sciences

All Creatures Great and Small

by James Herriot

I have been drawn to nature and most specifically to animals as long as I can remember. I read All Creatures Great and Small when I was 13. I thought that I wanted to be a veterinarian but this book erased all doubts. I find this book to be completely true of veterinary practice today. The names have changed but the personalities are still there in the clients that I deal with today. The same situations still arise, good and bad and at least it will make a learning experience and a good story in the end. I still strive to be like James Herriot in his compassion of his clients (animals) and their owners. He had a special way about him that to this day touches me. He was humble with a great sense of humor. He had an exquisite appreciation of nature and the simple things, which in turn brought so much joy to his life. He had a deep caring for others that pervaded everything that he did. This book makes me laugh and cry at times but always makes me thankful of the blessings that I have in life; my family, friends and of course the precious animals I have had in my life and the opportunity to become what I dreamed about, a veterinarian. - All creatures great and small, all things bright and beautiful, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them All!

Rosetta Giuliani-Caponetto

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Liberal Arts: Foreign Languages and Literatures

In Spite of Partition. Jews, Arabs, and the Limits
of Separatist Imagination

by Gil Hochberg

Michael Hamilton

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Engineering: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Extreme Environment Electronics

by J.D. Cressler

As an undergraduate student at Auburn University ('00), I worked as a research assistant with Dr. John Cressler (now at Georgia Tech). He had a tremendous impact on my decision to go on to graduate school, then to academia. Because of the start in this research area I had with him, I continue to perform research on electronics in extreme environments. He has been and continues to be an inspiration to me and so many students and colleagues.

Paul Harris

Professor

College of Liberal Arts: Political Science

All Quiet on the Western Front

by Erich Maria Remarque

Even though written nearly a century ago, Remarque's character, German soldier Paul Bäumer, tells the story of the futility of trench warfare fighting in France during World War I. Written through the perspective of Bäumer, the story speaks of the horror, futility, and hopelessness of trench warfare experienced by soldiers on both sides of the fighting. Bäumer, struggles to keep his sense of humanity and comradeship all the while struggling to survive. While recovering in the hospital Bäumer comments: "I am young, I am twenty years old; yet I know nothing of life but despair, death, fear, and fatuous superficiality cast over an abyss of sorrow." Remarque, himself a veteran of the Western Front attempted to create a broader picture of the experiences of the typical soldier. Because Remarque's book was neither a glorification of war nor of German militarism, it was banned by the Nazis. Remarque's book has just as much relevance today as it did a century ago.

David Hill

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Architecture, Design and Construction: School of
Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture

Encounters with the Archdruid

by John McPhee

Rather than oversimplifying the complex cultural questions about sustainability and man's impact on the earth, this book beautifully captures the richness and complexity of opposing arguments. I admire how McPhee humanizes both factions, constantly forcing the reader to think through their own position as they journey through the discussions.

Matthew Hoch

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Liberal Arts: Music

Franz Schubert: The Complete Songs

by Graham Johnson

In 1995, I was a first-year saxophone major at Ithaca College when the great Dutch soprano Elly Ameling performed an all-Schubert recital on campus. This event was a life-changing experience for me, and I became seduced by the art of singing. German lieder in particular fascinated me, and (inspired by Ameling) I developed an obsession with the songs of Franz Schubert. I began spending many hours in the library (there was no YouTube or Spotify back then) listening to every Schubert recording I could find. Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau's seminal recordings with Gerald Moore were particular favorites. I also began immersing myself in Graham Johnson's writings on Schubert's songs, which at the time were published as extensive liner notes in the serialized Hyperion Schubert Edition. This landmark 37-volume series was completed in 1999, the same year I graduated from Ithaca. In 2014 (fifteen years later) Johnson's complete Schubert writings were released in book form for the first time by Yale University Press. When asked to select a book in honor of my tenure and promotion at Auburn University, the choice was an easy one to make. The songs of Franz Schubert were my greatest inspiration during my formative years as a singer, and Graham Johnson is the world's greatest authority on Schubert's lieder. I know that these magnificent songs will continue to inspire many future generations of singers.

Jacqueline Hundley

Senior Lecturer

College of Engineering: Computer Science and Software Engineering

The Mythical Man-Month

by Frederick Brooks

Computing is a relatively young field and software engineering is even younger. This is a book of essays that are timeless and remind me of the beginnings of software engineering. “No Silver Bullet” can apply to life as there is rarely one magic way to approach the solution to a problem.

Stacey Hunt

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Liberal Arts: Political Science

Political Worlds of Women: Activism, Advocacy, and Governance in the Twenty-First Century

by Mary Hawkesworth

Robert Jackson

Professor

College of Engineering: Mechanical Engineering

Eternal Comet

by Robert Jackson

This is a collection of poems that I have written over the past five years while I was an associate professor at Auburn University.

Latif Kalin

Professor

School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

Andreas Kavazis

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Education: School of Kinesiology

Before Time Could Change Them: The Complete Poems of Constantine P. Cavafy

by Constantine P. Cavafy

First read at high school, the poems by Constantine P. Cavafy still resonate with me to this date. Cavafy’s poems describe the Mediterranean with unparalleled beauty and as the book introduction notes, “among other things speak of human passions, the experience common to all mankind of love offered, sought, and lost.” As with all great works, Cavafy’s poetry evokes universal experiences that reveal the human spirit and its condition.

Kimberly G. Key

Professor

College of Business: School of Accountancy

The Pilgrim's Progress

by John Bunyan

“The Pilgrim’s Progress” is an outstanding depiction of a Christian’s journey through life and the eternal significance of faith in Jesus Christ. The allegory is impossible to misunderstand because all the character names reflect their life situation or perspective. The reader can never forget Evangelist and Mr. Worldly Wiseman nor the maidens including Prudence and Piety. The book has been relevant for hundreds of years.

Wi-Suk Kwon

Professor

College of Human Sciences: Consumer and Design Sciences

The Social Psychology of Clothing: Symbolic Appearances in Context

by Susan Kaiser

I still vividly remember how my heart was beating from the joy of learning in every class of the social psychology theory course which used this textbook along with others. The experience from this course defined me as a researcher, led me to pursue a Ph.D., and inspired me to be the kind of teacher I am today.

Alvin Lim

Professor

College of Engineering: Computer Science and Software Engineering

Can Man Live Without God

by Ravi Zacharias

Although we have strived in our research to improve quality of life through great technological advancement, humanity still experiences widespread pain and sufferings. My first book choice was Dr. Bronowski’s “The Ascent of Man” which brilliantly trace through the advancement of humanity’s scientific thoughts, but unfortunately it ends with warnings that despite our advancements, we are still capable of reducing our fellow humans into mere numbers as in the Holocaust and perpetrate atrocities that cause so much pain and sufferings which we continue to witness even to this day. How can we as human get ourselves out of these cycles? This book presents rigorous philosophical and logical arguments why many views on the meaning of life do not offer meaningful and fulfilling answers to these problems. In contrast, it presents the philosophical and logical rationales for the only true basis that provides hope for humanity.

Elizabeth Lipke

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Engineering: Chemical Engineering

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

by Douglas Adams

Sadly absent from my childhood reading list, this book was one that my brother introduced me to while I was in graduate school. Listening to it made sitting in the endless Houston traffic a little less painful.

Over the years it has continued to always provide a good laugh.

James H. Long

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Business: School of Accountancy

The Alchemist

by Paulo Coelho

I first read "The Alchemist" when I came to an important professional crossroads, and was struggling with the direction in which I wanted to take the rest of my career. This book inspired me to throw caution to the wind, leave a great position with a wonderful firm, and return to school to obtain my Ph.D. in pursuit of my dream job: tenured faculty member at Auburn University. Well, what do you know? With a lot of luck and a little hard work, sometimes dreams do come true. War Eagle!

Kenneth S. Macklin

Professor

College of Agriculture: Poultry Science

Commercial Chicken Meat and Egg Production

by Donald Bell

When I first started at Auburn University as an Extension Specialist/ Assistant Professor this was the first book I purchased. The reason being is that it helped me better understand the all aspects of poultry industry that I was hired to help serve. Now after 10 years I don't reference this book as much, but is definitely a book that current and future students going into poultry science will reference and is one I am surprised the library doesn't have....but now does!

Shiwen Mao

Professor

College of Engineering: Electrical and Computer Engineering

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

by Douglas Adams

A few years ago, Christopher Wilson, a graduate student, showed me his T-shirt with a "101010" design. "It's 42," Chris said. Yes, the answer to the great question of life, the universe, and everything given by the Deep Thought computer after seven and a half million years of thinking. It is not a surprise since in the computer world everything is represented as zeros or ones, including the answer itself. This is probably the funniest science fiction I've read. And I enjoy reading it with hearty laughter every time.

Karen Marlowe

Professor

School of Pharmacy: Pharmacy Practice, Mobile

On Death and Dying

by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

Early in my training, a mentor introduced me to the work of Kubler-Ross. In healthcare we train our mentees to improve health and follow the evidence. Unfortunately, we have very little training or evidence regarding the inevitable end all of our patients face. This book helped me to learn to care for the dying with the same intensity and find hope in that work.

Douglas Ray Martin

Professor with Tenure

College of Veterinary Medicine: Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology and Scott Ritchey Research Center

David Maurer

Tenure

College of Sciences and Mathematics: Physics

Timothy McDonald

Professor

College of Agriculture: Biosystems Engineering

42nd Parallel

by John dos Passos

Just one of my absolute favorites - an American story, with all the highs and lows.

Conor P. McGowan

Associate Research Professor

School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

The Song of the Dodo : Island Biogeography in an Age of Extinctions
by David Quammen

This book links the work that I do professionally, using science and modeling to manage and conserve endangered and declining species, directly to the founding fathers of modern biology, Alfred Russell Wallace and Charles Darwin. It traces an intellectual lineage from Darwin and Wallace to MaCarthur and Wilson to Soule and Gilpin to the types of modern, decision-focused ecological and population modeling work that drives my career.

Michael Milford

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Liberal Arts: Communication and Journalism

Permanence and Change

by Kenneth Burke

Of all the works I've encountered in my academic career this one has permeated my research the deepest.

Makiko Mori

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Liberal Arts: Foreign Languages and Literatures

Erich Nunn

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Liberal Arts: English

Living with Music

by Ralph Ellison

I read writers like Ralph Ellison and Amiri Baraka – whose thinking about race, music, and culture would eventually profoundly influence my own – years before I became aware that one could write about and teach this stuff for a living in the academy. Ellison's work in particular serves as a humbling reminder that, even as we strive to achieve new perspectives and insights, our work remains indebted to those who paved the way by imagining such work was possible.

Thomas Passler

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Veterinary Medicine: Clinical Sciences

Nathan A. Pinner

Associate Clinical Professor

School of Pharmacy

The Road

by Cormac McCarthy

This book is not uplifting nor did it inspire greatness, but I can think of no other piece that has impacted me as much. The terribly bleak story of a father and son journeying through the ashen landscape of the southeastern US captures what a father will endure for his son, and the innocent nature of children. As a new father it tapped into the lengths that I would go to in order to protect and care for my child. There is no hope in this book, but there is a beauty to it, and there is love - immense love. Its effects have lingered, and I suspect they will continue to do so.

Xiao Qin

Professor

College of Engineering: Computer Science and Software Engineering

The Great Pianists

by Harold C. Schonberg

Harold C. Schonberg was the first music critic to win the Pulitzer Prize for Criticism (1971). This book is an extraordinary book that traces great pianists, starting from Bach all the way to Horowitz. You do not have to be a musician to enjoy reading this book. I can guarantee that reading this book will make your brain and body relaxed.

Shashank Rao

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Business: Aviation and Supply Chain Management

Long Walk to Freedom

by Nelson Mandela

I first picked up this book as an 18-year-old college freshman, and it has remained my favorite ever since. I think Mr. Mandela's biography teaches some very important lessons on grit, perseverance, justice, leadership, and magnanimity. Above all, it shows how the courage of one man can change a nation, and the world. One of the most thought-provoking lines from the book appears on page 622- "No one is born hating another person because of the color of their skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite." This is such an important message for the world we live in today!

John Rapp

Professor with Tenure

College of Liberal Arts: Psychology

Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors: A Search for Who We Are
by Carl Sagan

It changed my world view.

Amy Joanna Rauer

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Human Sciences: Human Development and Family Studies

The Marriage-Go-Round: The State of Marriage and the Family in
America Today

by Andrew Cherlin

Andrew Cherlin beautifully captures the paradoxical nature of today's modern marriage - we idealize it far more than previous generations did and yet we appear to be less equipped to achieve and maintain this relationship. Drawing upon the history of marriage in the United States, Cherlin proposes that the fault lies not in our lack of abilities but in our increasingly unrealistic expectations for the life course.

Reading this book always reminds me that our definitions of individual and marital success must be developmentally and historically sensitive to issues of timing and order.

Scott Santos

Professor

College of Sciences and Mathematics: Biological Sciences

Hawaiian Anchialine Pools

by Mike N. Yamamoto, Thomas Y. Iwai Jr. and Annette W. Tagawa

The anchialine ecosystem is one most people do not know even exists and much of the research that I have conducted here at Auburn University has focused on the amazing creatures that inhabit these habitats. This book highlights and summarizes this research along with the historical and cultural significance of the anchialine ecosystem in the Hawaiian Islands. I hope others find it as fascinating as I have.

Matthew F. Smidt

Professor

School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

Introduction to Forest Operations and Technology

by Jori Uusitalo

This is the most significant forest operations textbook in nearly 40 years. Jori Uusitalo is a great person and outstanding scholar.

Lauren Reichart Smith

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Liberal Arts: Communication and Journalism

Sports Media: Transformation, Integration, Consumption

by Andrew Billings

As a new researcher, trying to find what I thought was relevant and interesting to study, this book came out at the time I was trying to find my research identity. This book pointed to the fact that there was a shift in the sport communication field, both in terms of the recognizing the field as a legitimate field of study, and to highlight that there was a tremendous potential for new avenues of research. This book solidified that not only was I in the correct field to fuel my research passion, but excited me to the possibilities and potential that were ahead of me.

Vishnu Suppiramaniam

Professor

School of Pharmacy: Drug Discovery and Development

Principles of Neural Science

by Eric Kandel

This book provides simple explanations to most complex concepts in neuroscience. It's well written, easy to follow and up to date.

Jose Vasconcelos

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Engineerin: Civil Engineering

Fluid Transients in Systems

by Ben / Victor Wylie / Streeter

This book was my entrance/introduction to highly dynamic transient flows, a research area in my core interest. And even 15 years since purchasing it, I am still finding myself consulting it constantly.

Furthermore, it was an honor to be a student of transient flows under Dr. Wylie.

Paul Walz

Professor

College of Veterinary Medicine: Pathobiology

Keeping Livestock Healthy: A Veterinary Guide

by N. Bruce Haynes

While growing up on a dairy farm, I certainly appreciated the importance of farm animals, but locally to the farm rather than in a larger context. This textbook truly inspired me to pursue veterinary medicine and made me consider the tremendous significance of farm animals to society in general. Good care of livestock is a societal obligation. This textbook emphasizes disease prevention through proper care of livestock.

Danilea Werner

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Liberal Arts: Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work

The Story of My Life

by Helen Keller

I have contemplated this decision all summer. Four books rose to the top of my list and have forced me to think critically and reflectively on how each influenced my life path. As I reflected on each book, I noticed a theme of social justice. I considered the captivating story of Anne Frank, the hauntingly beautiful “The Bluest Eye,” and riveting “To Kill a Mockingbird,” but one book rose to the top because it was the first biography I ever read. It was the first story of adversity and triumph, the first story of a fearless woman determined to succeed, and my introduction to social justice. When I was in elementary school I read Helen Keller’s biography, “The Story of My Life.” It made a lasting impression and set me on a trajectory of reading about and working for social justice, being a voice for the voiceless, and teaching future social workers. I cannot think of a better representation of an Alabama native turned social justice activist and now tenured Auburn University professor.

Stewart Whittemore

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Liberal Arts: English

The Letters of JRR Tolkien

by JRR Tolkien

Working as a student assistant at an academic writers' conference in the early 1990s taught me the sad but salutary lesson that, in general, the less a reader knows about the personal lives of his literary heroes the happier he'll be. I discovered that a writer capable of expressing the most profound moral vision in a work of fiction is as likely to be a cad, a lecher, or an ass as any lesser mortal, perhaps even more likely! Consequently, it has been a source of considerable consolation to me that my greatest literary hero, JRR Tolkien, appears from all accounts to have been a faithful husband, a loving father, an honest scholar, and a genuinely kind and charitable man, a man possessing, in other words, many of the virtues displayed by the noblest characters of his legendarium. Tolkien's essential goodness, wisdom, and decency shine through in the various biographies that have been appearing every year since the release of Peter Jackson's first trilogy of film adaptations, but the same qualities are nowhere displayed as strongly or as intimately as in Tolkien's correspondence, as collected in "The Letters of JRR Tolkien." Tolkien was the real thing: a gentleman, a scholar, and a good human being. He was also my original inspiration for wanting to become an English professor, and his example remains a professional and personal touchstone.

Chad Wickman

Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Liberal Arts: English

Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas: A Savage Journey to the Heart of the American Dream

by Hunter S. Thompson

I first encountered the work of Hunter S. Thompson as an undergraduate English major. And it suited me well. I was an aspiring writer with political interests, searching for my voice, and in a related sense, looking for something meaningful to say. My English courses invited creativity and personal expression; they rarely, however, encouraged the type of mind-bending prose or general hijinks I encountered in “Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas: A Savage Journey to the Heart of the American Dream.” (Probably with good reason.) Years later, I find myself employed in an English department as a researcher and teacher of writing. I no longer feel the need to emulate Thompson’s trademark gonzo style, but my work does continue to share some of the same spirit – the same belief that the line between fact and fiction is more permeable than we often like to imagine. What I learned from Hunter S. Thompson, the author, is that writing takes perseverance. It takes courage. It takes a bit of zeal. What I learned from “Fear and Loathing,” his most enduring work, is that we should embrace our passions and dream big but also pay serious attention to the grim realities of the world. It taught me, too, that life can sometimes get a little weird if you’re doing things right. As the author himself said: buy the ticket, take the ride. I wouldn’t have it any other way.

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Pathways to Pregnancy and Parturition, 3rd Ed

by Phil Senger

This text has far and away had the most significant impact on my career. It was this book (in an earlier edition) that initially sparked my interest in reproductive physiology as a senior level undergraduate. It was the first college textbook that I actually WANTED to read - and read cover to cover. This was due in large part to the fact that the text and illustrations are so clear, interesting and easily understandable. Dr. Senger and his group (Current Conceptions Inc.) have done an amazing job at producing a textbook with the #1 goal of teaching students rather than impressing colleagues, although this text easily does both. Thank you Current Conceptions!

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Why People Die by Suicide

by Thomas Joiner

“Why People Die by Suicide” was published right around the time that I began my graduate studies, and virtually all of my scholarly work has been influenced by the theoretical model articulated between its covers. My own copy is tattered from use, and it is required reading for all of my graduate students. Aside from its substantive influence on my work, the fact that this book was written by my mentor, who himself has had a profound impact on me, makes it all the more meaningful. True to his generous nature, at the end of the book, Dr. Joiner acknowledged each of his graduate students for challenging his thinking, myself included. As a first-year graduate student, I remember thinking how neat it was that I had contributed in some way, however small, to such an accomplished scholar. I therefore find it fitting to be able to acknowledge Dr. Joiner’s tremendous contribution to my career development, using this very book.

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To Kill a Mockingbird

by Harper Lee

An inspirational story that has been my favorite for a long time.



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