

Promotion and Tenure Reception

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Preface

It is a long-awaited and significant event when an Auburn University faculty member receives the letter announcing that he or she has been awarded tenure or promotion. Individual and local celebrations of this success are many and varied, but a university-wide ceremony seems fitting to celebrate such an important personal and professional milestone at Auburn. The Promotion and Tenure Reception is such a ceremony, and in the six years of its existence, it has become a tradition of the Auburn campus.

Newly promoted or tenured faculty members are invited to name a book that is special to them. A copy of each book identified, with a commemorative bookplate including the faculty member's name and the year of promotion or tenure, will be 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 was crucial to research to distant memories of a book read — or heard — during childhood; from the book that articulated ultimate truths to the book that inspired or encouraged its reader. I am grateful to the faculty who took the time to provide these book selections and descriptions.

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

Bonnie MacEwan
Dean of Libraries

Faculty Promotions and Tenure 2012

Auburn University

Orlando Acevedo

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Computer Simulation of Liquids

by M. P. Allen

This book has served as the foundation for my career in computational chemistry. It has taught me both theory and practical applications and I still refer to it frequently. While initially published in 1987, the book continues to be highly cited in chemistry literature despite the tremendous advances in computers since its publication.

Adrienne Angelo

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Rebecca Barlow

Associate Professor with Tenure

School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

Illustrated Poems for Children

by Krystyna Orska

This book gave me an early appreciation for poetry and is one of the few books that I really remember from my childhood. I was fortunate to have many books growing up, but I would read this one over and over, looking at the beautiful illustrations. The verses and pictures still come back to me from time to time when some random occurrence jars my memory, and out of the blue the images and words pop into my head.

Rod Barnett

Professor

School of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture

A Thousand Plateaus

by Gilles Deleuze

“A Thousand Plateaus” sets out the agenda for environmental design in the 21st century. It rescues landscape architecture from empiricism, scenography and morality and provides a conceptual basis for a new understanding of human/world relations. Its authors, Deleuze and Guattari, show how it is possible for humans to detach themselves both from supernatural agencies and scientific determinism and become truly free. Their thesis is that there are no divisions between nature and culture, science and society, humans and nonhumans, the natural and the artificial. Art and science are after the same result: to become who we are.

Randall Bartlett

Professor

Department of Industrial & Graphic Design

Orbiting the Giant Hairball: A Corporate Fool's Guide to Surviving with Grace

by Gordon MacKenzie

This book was recommended to me by a great business leader, and reading it was like a breath of fresh air. It's a great read on staying creative in a corporate environment (the Giant Hairball).

Anna Bertolet

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of English

The Heart and Stomach of a King: Elizabeth I and the Politics of Sex and Power

By Carole Levin

Publisher: University of Pennsylvania Press

This is a seminal book in Elizabeth I studies; after its publication, the entire scholarly field has been reconfigured. Carole Levin, a cultural historian par excellence, brings archival research to her readers in such an exciting way that both students and scholars alike become enthusiastic about Elizabeth after reading this book. “The Heart and Stomach” is a study that inspired my own research on representations of Elizabeth’s face in her culture. I have taught this book repeatedly in my undergraduate and graduate classes and will continue bringing it into my classroom to serve not only as a source of knowledge but also a model of scholarship that educates and inspires.

Linda Byrd

Associate Clinical Professor

School of Nursing

Wouldn't Take Nothing For My Journey Now

by Maya Angelou

This book has afforded me pearls of wisdom and spirituality that have helped with my career and personal life.

Sang-Eun Byun

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Consumer Affairs

The Experience Economy

by B. Joseph Pine II & James Gilmore

This book is highly recommended, especially for small retailers who desire entrepreneurial sustainability in this economy. The authors of this book propose that we have entered an experience economy, in which firms' competitiveness is determined not just by providing goods and services but by creating a memorable customer experience. The authors recommend that firms create compelling experiences by using the 4 E strategies (Entertainment, Education, Esthetics, and Escapist). This book not only stimulates my scholarly interests in experiential retailing but also shapes my educational philosophy, making me continuously delve into ways to engage students to create memorable learning experiences.

Fred Caldwell

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Clinical Sciences

Equine Surgery, second edition

by Auer and Stick

This textbook was the main reference for residents in equine surgery training that were ultimately pursuing diplomat status in the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. I lived, ate and slept with this textbook while studying for my surgery board exams. This book, now tattered and with a threadbare cover, is like an old friend that helped me achieve my goal of becoming a board-certified equine surgeon.

Song-Yul Choe

Professor

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Brian Connelly

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Management

From Dawn to Decadence

by Jacques Barzun

A former Columbia provost and professor, Barzun's tome is less about what happened than about why it came to pass and why it is important. It is for those who like to read about art and thought, manners and morals, and the social settings in which such activities take place. Among other provocations, Barzun challenges the separatism that characterizes the professorate and the decline of the humanities, and in this sense it is a text to be reckoned with. He might otherwise be dismissed as a crotchety old reactionary, except that he has packaged his ideas in a way that is at once witty and profound, snappy and elegant. It is a feat to be relished, and he accomplished all this at 92 years of age!

Chris Correia

Professor

Department of Psychology

Relapse Prevention: Maintenance Strategies In The Treatment Of
Addictive Behaviors

by G. Alan Marlatt

Dr. Marlatt was a pioneer in encouraging an approach to addiction that is both scientific and compassionate. He passed away in 2011, but his work will continue to influence psychologists, physicians, and other mental health and medical professionals with an interest in addictive behaviors.

James Davidson

Professor

Department of Civil Engineering

Cliff Defee

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Aviation and Supply Chain Management

A Short History of Nearly Everything

by Bill Bryson

The author describes the development of scientific knowledge over the last several hundred years in many of the physical sciences. The book does an excellent job of explaining important theories in layman's terms. I have found it to be informative, understandable and a fun read, and is a great resource providing a basic understanding of "what we think we know."

Jianjun Dong

Professor

Department of Physics

Ignorance: How It Drives Science

by Stuart Firestein

As said by the author: It is ignorance, not knowledge, that is the true engine of science.

Mario Eden

Professor

Department of Chemical Engineering

Rogue Warrior

by Richard Marcinko

Richard Marcinko is the founder and first Commanding Officer of SEAL Team Six. He is an Auburn alumnus (M.A. in Political Science) and a best selling author. This book is his autobiography and while it has very little to do with academic life, Marcinko's views on leadership and his unwavering loyalty to those who served with him has resonated very strongly with me. In all his books, Marcinko defines leadership through two words "Follow me", and this is something I try to emulate in my professional endeavors, i.e. lead by example and not ask anyone to do anything that I would not do myself.

Misty Edmondson

Associate Professor with Tenure
Department of Clinical Sciences

The Boxcar Children

by Gertrude Chandler Warner

This book began my love for reading and adventure. It was read to my second grade class by our librarian, Mrs. Gene Pearson. Mrs. Pearson instilled in us all a passion for reading and knowledge.

Henry Fadamiro

Professor

Entomology and Plant Pathology

Olfaction in Vector-Host Interactions

by Willem Takken

This book focuses on the role of olfaction (the sense of smell) in blood feeding arthropods (insects and relatives). Many arthropods (e.g., mosquitoes) depend on vertebrate blood for survival and reproduction. The success of these arthropods depends on how efficiently they can detect the presence of a host and actively locate it to obtain a blood meal. Olfaction is the most important signal arthropods rely on to locate the vertebrate host. Most blood feeding arthropods also act as vectors for transmission of important human and domestic animal diseases like malaria, dengue, West Nile virus, and river blindness. Increased understanding of olfaction and how this governs interactions between arthropods and their hosts will enable the development of novel strategies to disrupt this behavior. This book is comprised of contributions by several experts in the field of olfaction and vector-host interactions. The book should be of interest to students and researchers in the fields of chemical ecology, neurobiology and evolutionary biology.

Glenn Fain

Associate Professor with Tenure
Department of Horticulture

Jinyan Fan

Associate Professor with Tenure
Department of Psychology

C. Ben Farrow

Associate Professor with Tenure

McWhorter School of Building Science

Lean Culture for the Construction Industry

by Gary Santorella

Construction is much more complex than it has ever been. Building systems, technology and specialization within disciplines all contribute to this complexity. How we design and construct buildings has changed. Tomorrow's construction leaders must embrace these challenges for the industry to provide the places the market demands for our children to live, work, and play. Strong leaders will be required to lead teams of people from a variety of disciplines and specializations. This book is visionary with regards to project management, leadership, and team building.

Oladiran Fasina

Professor

Department of Biosystems Engineering

Collected Works of Don Hustad

by Don Hustad

This book is an example of the two most important things (Christianity and organ music) that has helped me shaped my thinking and inspired me in my professional and personal life. The book is a compilation of hymn arrangements for the organ by Don Hustad - one of the 20th century leaders in evangelical organ music.

Brent Fox

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Pharmacy Care Systems

Dmitry Glotov

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Elliptic Partial Differential Equations of Second Order

by David Gilbarg and Neil S. Trudinger

This classical text on elliptic partial differential equations was my companion through graduate school and it continues to be a frequent reference. The authors develop a theory for non-linear elliptic equations and build the foundation in the linear theory along the way. This material also serves as a starting point in the study of parabolic equations. The book does not lend itself to leisurely reading and the presentation is technical at times but the sheer multitude of results that the authors manage to establish with bare hands and the joy of solving the many challenging problems included after each chapter made working through this book worth my while.

Teresa Gore

Associate Clinical Professor

Nursing

Essentials of e-Learning for Nurse Educators

by Tim J. Bristol and JoAnn Zerwekh

I chose this book because it was written to assist nurse educators in facilitating e-learning and integrating new technology into the nursing curriculum. To meet the needs of the tech savvy learner, active learning strategies must be used while incorporating new technologies. I was asked to co-author the chapter on simulation as my first chapter publication. This book was chosen awarded an American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award.

Keren Gorodeisky

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Philosophy

Daydrie Hague

Professor

Department of Theatre

A Christmas Memory

by Truman Capote

I chose the book because of the compelling characters, the beauty of the prose, and the way in which the author captures the joyful bond between two imaginative people who, without that unique connection, would be otherwise marginalized within their own culture. It is also the first piece I adapted and directed at Auburn University.

Arata Hamawaki

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Philosophy

Xiaoying Han

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Random Dynamical System

by Ludwig Arnold

David Held

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology

To Know a Fly

by Vincent Dethier

I was introduced to Vincent Dethier in an Insect-Plant Relationships course during graduate school. Dethier's research on the neurophysiology of insects was groundbreaking and produced a paradigm in the field that persists today. That said, I was even more impressed with him after reading "To Know a Fly" on vacation.

I digested the small paperback in the margins of the trip and was surprised at the light-heartedness with which he and his illustrator conveyed the cutting edge science of their day. It was evident that Dethier enjoyed his work - almost as if science were fun with an objectives statement! Dr. Dethier's knowledge and expertise were embellished with his creativity and frivolity. I want to excel at scholarship, mentorship of students, teaching, and outreach, but along the way I'm striving to approach my career with a similar creative, light-hearted perspective as Vincent Dethier.

Chuck Hemard

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Art

Ecology of a Cracker Childhood

by Janisse Ray

As an artist educated and working in the South, I have typically shunned notions of regionalism in my work. Admittedly, this was, in part, striving for respect on a larger level, avoiding “southern” clichés in hopes to somehow prove to myself that I can make work that is in a broader conversation, work worthy of respect in “art centers” that are not in this region (a casualty of art school). Ray’s work not only clarified the gulf south’s exceptional and essential qualities, it opened me up to embrace ideas of place into my work, ideas informed by characteristics I at least feel a bond to if I don’t know first hand. Most importantly, this book validated my personal history and experience, and it showed me the importance of re-establishing a connection with the land.

Tung-Shi Huang

Professor

Department of Poultry Science

Jung Won Hur

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Educational Foundations, Leadership and Technology

Hector and the Search for Happiness

by François Lelord

This short novel, written by French psychiatrist and author François Lelord, stirred deep reflection on what is important in my life and how I should help others as a researcher and teacher. The story follows Hector, a psychiatrist who travels around the world, including China, Africa, and the US (the country of More) in search of what makes people happy. Without any medical jargon or complicated explanations, the author imparted important life messages in an engaging and humorous way. This book will make you smile and think.

Carla Keyvanian

Associate Professor with Tenure

School of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture

The Royal Touch; Sacred Monarchy and Scrofula in England and France

by Marc Bloch

This book analyzes how medieval French and English monarchs constructed and disseminated the myth of their power to heal, inspiring a form of veneration for the monarchy that enabled the subjugation of a powerful feudal aristocracy, and the centralization under royal power of fragmented territorial jurisdictions. Marc Bloch, its author, provided in this enormously influential book an example of history-writing that analyzed a broad social and economic context to reconstruct the political motives of a historical phenomenon. The book, first published in 1924 when Nazism and Fascism were coagulating in Europe, stood as a lucid indictment of the mechanisms used in the formation of absolute power, although it never deflected from its scholarly reconstruction of a medieval phenomenon. Marc Bloch entered the resistance movement in Nazi-occupied France and, captured, died tortured at the hands of the Nazis in 1944. I am a historian and, like many in my profession, I have been moved and inspired by Bloch's display of intellectual and human integrity in the most famous of his books.

Ralph Kingston

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Department of History

The Voyage of the Endeavor, 1768-1771, vol. I of The Journals of Captain James Cook on his voyages of discovery

by James Cook

To be a historian you have to have a passion for primary sources. I was nineteen when I first read this journal, originally written by James Cook during his expedition to observe the transit of Venus at Tahiti. I had wanted to write an essay on encounters between eighteenth-century Europeans and the indigenous peoples of the South Pacific, and my professor had suggested that Beaglehole's edition of Cook's manuscript logs might provide good evidence. I discovered that it did and much more. Cook's record of the interactions of officers, scientists, and seamen on board ship were - to me - especially intriguing. After a year reading books by Britons whining about nineteenth-century India for my B.A. dissertation, I decided to write my Ph.D. on the French. My dissertation was on office workers during the French Revolution and not on travelers or explorers. In my new book project, however, I have returned to thinking about expeditionary science. I have also been teaching a course at Auburn entitled 'European Explorations' in which I ask students to do the same. When I send them to the library, Cook's 'Voyage of the Endeavour' is waiting on the shelf.

Michael Kozuh

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of History

Wei-Shinn Ku

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering

Tomorrow's Professor: Preparing for Careers in Science and Engineering

by Richard Reis

I hope that more of our outstanding students in science and engineering will join academia in the future.

Gary Lemme

Tenure

Extension Director, Agronomy and Soils

The Richest Man in Town

by V.J. Smith

The story of Marty Matinson, is a life changing experience. Marty as a Walmart employee lived a life and served others with a positive attitude that contributed to the quality of life for those around him. The story has personal and career guidance for people of all ages and all professional positions.

Anne Marie Liles

Associate Clinical Professor

School of Pharmacy

The Giving Tree

by Shel Silverstein

This was one of my first books, given to me with the inscription “May you continue to grow and to give” - something I strive to live by every day.

Junshan Liu

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McWhorter School of Building Sciences

Angela Love

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Curriculum and Teaching

Richard Mattson

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Psychology

Herris Maxwell

Clinical Professor

Department of Clinical Sciences

The Great Influenza

by Jon Barry

The advancement of biomedical science and integration with the art and practice of clinical medicine did not occur by accident. This story of the influenza pandemic of 1918-1919 presents a readable description of the genesis of the fields of immunology, bacteriology, virology, epidemiology and public health, while illustrating the lasting importance of leadership and team building. The development of the modern medical research and public health systems we take for granted today is an underlying theme of this book as it chronicles the progression of a seemingly common disease that presented in an uncommonly deadly form.

Heather May

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Theatre

The America Play and Other Works

by Suzan-Lori Parks

As a theatre professional, I am drawn to the ways in which theatre helps us re-imagine the world in which we live. As an embodied art, theatre has the potential to alter our understanding of reality, to help us see things from other perspectives, and to give life to perspectives we have either lost, buried, or denied. As a theatre historian, I am fascinated by the amount of history we will never know, that has been lost either because it was never recorded at all or because we no longer have that record.

Though we are taught as children that history is fact, it is anything but. History is mutable. As Parks points out in many interviews, history, like the theatre, is only true in the moment that it happens. Everything after that point is mediated. We can never know the truth, but the attempt to put pieces together and make a narrative out of them is an essential means of understanding ourselves. “The American Play” is a play that takes these concepts and makes them dramatic. Parks sets her play in the Great Hole of History, which is a theme park, and examines the life and legacy of our founding and foundling fathers. The metaphor is apparent from the beginning, yet it is abstract and demands the engagement and interpretation of the viewer. Parks’ play is incomplete without the input of the viewer because it has no straightforward narrative on its own. This, to me, is theatre at its best.

René McEldowney

Professor

Department of Political Science

Christopher McNulty

Professor

Department of Art

The Ecological Thought

by Timothy Morton

Erkan Nane

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Stochastic Models for Fractional Calculus

by Mark Meerschaert

This book gives introduction to Stochastic models for time fractional and space fractional partial differential equations. These models have wide popularity in hydrology, finance, biology and many other areas of science.

Vini Nathan

Tenure

College of Architecture, Design and Construction

Democracy in America--Vol I and II

by Alexis De Tocqueville

A classic, difficult (for me), meaningful and provocative book.

Traci O'Brien

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Anna Karenina

by Leo Tolstoy

This book has stayed with me over the last decades for two reasons. The first is, it shows how spiritual insight can become dogmatic judgment -- that is, how very real ethical awareness can be degraded into judgmentalism. Secondly, it also proved to me how powerful a good translation can be -- intimate knowledge of a language can provide a window into a historical reality which otherwise remains obscure. In this case, a good translation takes something which is otherwise available only in encyclopedic outline and makes the historical reality live and breathe.

David Odom

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Music

Shari Park-Gates

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Consumer Affairs

The Adventures of Pippi Longstocking

by Astrid Lindgren

Before I could read mother read this book to me over and over again when I was a child. Even after I could read sometimes when I was sick she would sit on the edge of my bed and read this story to me. Pippi Longstocking was a little girl who was very different from all the other children. She lived in a house by herself because her father was a sea captain away at sea and her mother had died and watched over her everyday through a peep hole in the sky. Pippi lived with a monkey and a horse who stayed on the front porch. They were her constant companions. Pippi was very strong and when she wanted to go for a ride on her horse she would just lift him down from the front porch and go for a ride. She was always on an adventure whether it was “thing finding” or attending school for the first time, it was always an exciting and fun adventure. Pippi looked at the world with a totally different perspective from other people, she questioned everything, and she was enthusiastic and happy everyday. I fell in love with the character and in a strange way I think I began to live my life patterned after her approach. My mother was my hero and now that she has died I am sure she is watching out for me everyday through a peep hole in the sky. I think she is looking through her peep hole and saying she is really proud of me for this accomplishment and she is happy that I am in a place where I am surrounded by really great faculty and wonderful students. I think she is smiling at me and for me today. I believe that reading when you are a child often has an impact on you that is greater than any other reading in your lifetime. Thank you for having a celebration for all of us who have accomplished this and congratulations to all the others for your accomplishment.

Francine Parker

Tenure

School of Nursing

Lincoln on Leadership

by Donald Phillips

I read this book many years ago when I first became interested in leadership and what qualities made an effective leader. While it clearly is not related to nursing or healthcare, important tenets of leadership style abound throughout the book in fascinating, interesting stories about Lincoln, a visionary leader on all counts. The lessons gleaned from the book have applicability for any group, any profession and any individual aspiring to be a manager or leader. I simply love this book!

Laura Plexico

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Communication Disorders

William Powell

Professor

Department of Music

Barton Prorok

Professor

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Ellen Reames

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Educational Foundations, Leadership and Technology

Social Justice Leadership for a Global World

by Gerstl-Pepin Aiken

Social justice is an important thread which runs throughout our program. This particular book looks at the social justice views of some of the leading experts in our field. It is a new release.

Rebecca Retzlaff

Associate Professor with Tenure

School of Architecture, Planning & Landscape, Architecture

Plan of Chicago

by Daniel Burnham and Edward Bennett

This is the book that inspired my passion for comprehensive, visionary, long-term planning. “Plan of Chicago” by Burnham and Bennett was one of the first modern city plans in the U.S., and has been very influential for the planning profession. It contains beautiful images and photos, elegantly written text, a complete analysis of urban problems, and a plan for moving forward. Much of the plan was eventually implemented and some of my favorite places in Chicago were a result of implementation of the plan.

Leah Robinson

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Kinesiology

Notes to My Daughter Before You Go

by Vesna M. Bailey

Bailey’s “Notes to My Daughter Before You Go” contains a culmination of advice and inspiration to get the most out of the journey that lies ahead. The book is deeply personal and all-encompassing. The passages contain words of wisdom that can benefit everyone, and other times, it contains the type of advice that is specific to a mother’s and daughter’s bond.

Fereshteh Rostampour

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Theatre

Jeremy Samolesky

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Music

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Anton Schindler

Professor

Department of Civil Engineering

Manual of Concrete Practice (Part 1 to 7)

by American Concrete Institute

The American Concrete Institute (ACI) has shaped my thinking and inspired me in my professional life. ACI's Manual of Concrete Practice is the most comprehensive concrete reference set available and I have used these on countless occasions. As a member of ACI committees, I have experienced the process required to develop one of the documents, and this process has been rewarding.

JoEllen Sefton

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Kinesiology

The Secrets of Resilient Leadership

by George Everly

The military leaders that I work with brought this to my attention during a conference on PTSD. Leadership during difficult times is a skill that will serve us both in the classroom and in life. This small book brings to us everyday leadership skills learned by those who have found success in difficult times. It also helps the reader to maintain perspective on the scale of the adversity that is being handled. I think those of us in academics often think we are dealing with huge problems, but they are only huge when seen through our own limited perspective.

Annette Smith

Professor

Department of Clinical Sciences

All Creatures Great & Small

by James Herriott

This book is a "must read" for all animal lovers, whether they are interested in a veterinary profession or not. This book illustrates the concept of the human-animal bond like no other, and is inspiring in its tales of humanity. The series inspired me to pursue my profession, and I return to it periodically to recapture my enthusiasm about what I do every day.

Mark Smith

Associate Professor with Tenure
School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

The Old Man and the Boy

by Robert Ruark

Writing presumably of his childhood in 1920's coastal North Carolina, Robert C. Ruark brings to life the simple outdoor adventures shared between a boy (the author) and his grandfather. Each chapter brings forth not only a new adventure but the wisdom of his grandfather in artfully teaching young Ruark about life, from lessons of respect, responsibility, patience, and self-reliance to learning how to observe and appreciate what most people overlook or take for granted. In today's fast-paced world filled of emails, text messages, internet, satellite TV, iPads and so forth, it's easy lose sight of what's important in life. Periodic readings of Ruark's "The Old Man and the Boy" and its companion book "The Old Man's Boy Grow Older" helped keep things in perspective. A good, easy read for the young and old.

Adam Spurlin

Associate Professor with Tenure
Department of Music

Jessica Starr

Associate Clinical Professor
School of Pharmacy

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

by Theodor Seuss Geisel

"Oh, the Places You'll Go!" is a simple book but has great meaning. You can do anything you put your mind to.

Allison Stewart

Professor

Department of Clinical Sciences

All Things Bright and Beautiful

by James Herriot

James Herriot books and the TV series were a great inspiration to me as a child who had wanted to be a veterinarian since four years of age. I had always wanted to go and practice in the Yorkshire Dales, but somehow got a little lost and ended up in Alabama. In addition to professional writing I enjoy writing accounts of some of the animal characters we have treated and my travel adventures.

Paris Strom

Professor

Department of Educational Foundations, Leadership and Technology

Parenting Young Children: Exploring the Internet, Television, Play, and Reading

by Robert Strom & Paris Strom

This work brought together my father and me as an author team. It was the second work (as part of a four book lifespan learning series). The content includes a series of practical, hands-on and informative lessons for parents of young children which focus on use of Internet, television, play and reading, all as approaches toward learning and parent-child relationship building. It is a great resource for those who want sound and step-by-step approaches in teaching their young children. Thank you for including this book as a dedication to my professorship!! War Eagle!!

Jennifer Taintor

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Clinical Sciences

MASH: A Novel About Three Army Doctors

by Richard Hooker

Some aspects of this book mirror the academic veterinary profession.

J. Mark Taylor

Tenure

Department of Building Science

Shu-Wen Tzeng

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Industrial & Graphic Design

This is Service Design Thinking: Basics, Tools, Cases

by Marc Stickdorn & Jakob Schneider

Product design is not just about creating a physical object- it is about creating an overall experience. This book covers all the design considerations a product designer should have and showcases different ways to approach a great design outcome.

Jorge Valenzuela

Professor

Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering

Memoirs

by Pablo Neruda

This book tells the life of a great poet who loved his country, nature and people. After reading the book, I thought we shared common feelings and experiences. The narrative is so eloquent and passionate that everything seems vivid and simple. In his style, he gives his view about ordinary things and complex matters such as politics and injustice. He put in words the beauty of his country, the charming of the women, and the delicacy of nature. In summary, a great book that covers many aspects of a human life.

Danielle Wadsworth

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Kinesiology

Self-Directed Behavior

by David Watson

Self-directed behavior initiated the concept of skill power vs. will power. Meaning, an individual could control their behavior if they developed the appropriate skills of self-regulation. This concept served as the foundation of my dissertation and my research examining how individuals can regulate exercise behavior.

Elizabeth Wagner

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Animal Science

If I Were to Train a Horse

by Jack Brainard

I have a great deal of respect for Mr. Brainard. He is credited with beginning the equine program at my alma mater, the University of Wisconsin - River Falls, back in the 1970's. Though Jack left the upper midwest years before I started college, his approach and philosophy were palpable in the riding and training courses that were part of my undergraduate animal science degree. Jack had a great reputation for teaching others to train horses, breaking down the concepts into simple steps and helping others to enjoy their horses. This book is an articulation of that talent and I have found many of the same lessons to be applicable in teaching at the college level. He continues to be the eternal student and horse industry innovator, taking training concepts from wide-ranging riding disciplines and finding common ground in how they can benefit any horse and rider. Even today at age 85, Jack continues to start his own two-year-old horses and maintains an active travel schedule teaching riding clinics throughout the country.

Alan Walker

Associate Professor with Tenure

Department of Management

Seasons of the Angler

by David Seybold

I chose this book because I find myself going back to it time and time again. It is a book about fishing; not a "how to" book though, but rather a book that conveys a fascinating historical, sociological, psychological, anthropological and philosophical approach to fishing. "Seasons of the Angler" is an anthology of 25 short-stories, memoirs, essays and poems all devoted to vividly painting a portrait of the very human experiences ensued from fishing - the sights, smells, tastes, sounds - and above all the sensations, emotions and feelings associated with fishing. The selections are extremely well-written and have a way of totally taking me away from whatever it may be that I need to escape from at the time. The book was given to me 25 years ago by a dear fishing friend who is currently slipping away due to cancer. Thanks, Jonathan!

Heather Whitley

Associate Clinical Professor
School of Pharmacy

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

by Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss beautifully expresses the struggles, hurdles, and successes encountered along the path of life. It is encouraging but realistic and reminds me to stand back up when it gets hard, to keep going, to pass through the waiting place, to confront my fears and problems head-on, and to never give up. It reminds me that life, including my career, is an adventure. It is not about completing a task or a check list. It is about happiness in the present, appreciating the circumstances, and enjoying the process.

James Witte

Professor

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Cyrano de Bergerac

by Edmond Rostand

I was introduced to “Cyrano” as an undergraduate in the late 1950s. I consider it one of a very few works worth rereading annually.

Matthew Wood

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Hilary Wyss

Professor

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The Truth About Stories

by Thomas King

This is a book that inspires me in its blending of humor, analysis, and personal detail. Thomas King writes, “The truth about stories is that’s all we are.” and then asks all of us to think about the stories we tell ourselves to shape the things we do as well as the things we choose not to do. As a literature professor I find this a really useful way of thinking about the world, and I really appreciate the way that King manages to teach me new ways of thinking about my place in the world and the ways in which the stories I tell myself and others matter in very profound ways.

Wei Zhan

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The Making of the Atomic Bomb

by Richard Rhodes

With simple yet elegant language, the author weaves together the most important events in science (making of atomic bomb) and human history (WWII). Before reading this book, I did not know that an account of such complex matters could succeed both microscopically and macroscopically in such a convincing and assuring manner. You don't need to be a scientist to see its beauty (Of course, being one will likely let you enjoy more). An epic.

Haibo Zou

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The Crust: Treatise on Geochemistry

by Roberta Rudnick

Good reference for understanding the formation of the Earth's crust.



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