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Dr. Rochelle Bergstrom	Psychology	tenure and promotion to Associate Professor	50 Great Myths of Popular Psychology: Shattering Widespread Misconceptions about Human Behavior	Scott Lilienfeld, Steven Lynn, John Ruscio, & Barry Beyerstein	Wily Blackwell, 2010
<p>There are so many misconceptions about human behavior, from the idea that we only use 10% of our brains (not true), to the belief that opposites attract (also not true). I found it to be a great read for anyone interested in myth-busting, or in psychology in general. The authors bust myths from a wide variety of disciplines in psychology, including learning and memory, neuroscience, social interaction, mental health, and human development. I found it not only scientifically engaging, but also entertaining and interesting in its own right. However, if you find yourself wanting more information on a particular myth, the authors also provide a variety of references for further reading. So whether you\'re a budding psychologist taking your first university psychology course, or a seasoned Ph.D., you can find something to interest you in this book.</p>					
Dr. Phyllis May-Machunda	American Multicultural Studies	promotion to Professor	African American Dance: An Illustrated History	Glass, Barbara S.	Macfarland & Company, 2006
<p>Dance is an integral component of the expressive culture of African Americans, yet it is, perhaps, among the least studied of Black performance genres. From its roots in African rituals and celebrations, dances accompanied and paralleled music, with or without song, and offered powerful renewal to slaves throughout the Americas. Later, dance has provided leisure abandon for generations of Black youth from segregation to the present. Dance has permitted African Americans to express their states of being through embodied expression and this embodied aspect has been central to my scholarly research in African American folklore, music, and play. Since African American dance has been fundamental for the development of American vernacular dance in the 20th century, I hope that readers will begin to explore its rich history.</p>					
Dr. Boyd Bradbury	Educational Leadership	tenure and promotion to Professor	American Public School Law Seventh Edition	Kern Alexander M. David Alexander	Wadsworth CENGAGE Learning, 2009
<p>As a professor of Educational Leadership, I teach a course in school law two to three times per year. Each semester, it seems that one or two students would really benefit from the presence of this text in the library as it is expensive to purchase. Moreover, this text is one that is highly respected within my discipline. I recall using this text myself as a graduate student working toward my administrative licensure. Of course, two major differences exist. I used the second edition, not the seventh one, and more recent cases and case law can be found in newer edition.</p>					
Kelli Sinner	Art & Design	tenure and promotion to Associate Professor	Betty Woodman	Janet Koplos	The Monacelli Press, Inc., 2006
<p>I chose this book because Betty Woodman's artwork and career have been an inspiration and influence on my own ceramic work and teaching life. She has been an influential teacher to generations of artists, and a creative force that has broken boundaries within the field of ceramics. I do not know her personally, but her work resonates with me, and I am excited for the students of MSUM to have access to this wonderful collection of images and essays.</p>					
Dr. Sheri Erickson	School of Business	promotion to Professor	Called to Account: Fourteen Financial Frauds that shaped the American Accounting Profession	Paul M. Clikeman	Routledge, 2008
<p>Corporate fraud has shaped the accounting profession in profound ways. This book is a good read not only for those interested in the profession, but also for those who have tried to piece together facts of famous fraud cases.</p>					

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Dr. Jeremy Carney	School of Social Work	tenure and promotion to Associate Professor	Days In The Lives Of Social Workers: 54 Professionals Tell "Real-life" Stories From Social Work Practice	Linda May Grobman (Editor)	White Hat Communications; 3rd edition, 2004
<p>This book is a great resource for anyone who is considering a career in social work. It details the work of professional social workers in a variety of settings. Submissions to this book are honest and forthright in the description of social work practice - the good, bad, and ugly.</p>					
Kyja Kristjansson-Nelson	Film Studies	tenure and promotion to Associate Professor	Devotional Cinema	Nathaniel Dorsky	Tuumba Press, 2003
<p>Nathaniel Dorsky\'s Devotional Cinema celebrates cinematic expression as experience. Dorsky provides insight on the relationship between human physicality and that of the medium itself, as well as metaphysical aspects of our experience. This book changed the way I viewed films, and it had a tremendous impact on my work as an artist and filmmaker. A mentor of mine gave me this rare book at a pivotal point in my life, and I would love to share this experience with others.</p>					
Mr. Ryan Jackson	Music	tenure and promotion to Associate Professor	Handbook for Sound Engineers	Glen M. Ballou - Editor	Focal Press, 2005
<p>This collection is one of the most complete references for audio engineers available. It is written by several authors that are at the top of their disciplines and thoroughly discusses subject matter that most textbooks (understandably) need to gloss over or leave out completely. It is an essential book for anyone that is interested in expanding their understanding of most audio theories and practices.</p>					
Dr. Anthony Lowrie	School of Business	tenure and promotion to Professor	Hegemony and Socialist Strategy: Towards a Radical Democratic Politics	Laclau, E. and Mouffe, C.	Verso, 1985
<p>These authors provided a substantial and new insight for thinking about political theory and the formation of social groups.</p>					
Elizabeth Severn	English	tenure and promotion to Associate Professor	Housekeeping	Marilynne Robinson	Farrar Straus Giroux, 1980
<p>This is a novel I return to read for pleasure and one I have taught to and shared with students through the years. The prose is beautiful and the characters are poignantly revealed and understood as they carry the family\'s past, push against the landscape surrounding them and struggle with the cultural dictates that want to mold them. Robinson gives us heartbreak but also allows us to celebrate strong women who are not afraid to fight for self preservation.</p>					

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Dr. Andrew Chen	CSIS	tenure and promotion to Associate Professor	Lean Brain Management: More Success and Efficiency by Saving Intelligence	Gunter Dueck	Springer, 2008
<p>In this book, we are confronted with a terrifying idea, one which at first we must laugh at, because it seems so preposterous. However, even at first glance, one can tell that there may be some truth behind this idea that we would rather not think about. The exploration of this idea, while it starts out as humorous, eventually leads to this gradual increase in the horrific contemplation that perhaps the author is right and the idea is true. This thorough exploration of this possibility to its extremes, this contemplating of a possibility to the natural ends of it, is precisely what I find makes for an engaging read. The possibility that the author might be right, and determining how to respond to this challenge, has yielded the greatest intellectual puzzle that I have ever confronted, and it is one which calls into question the very relevance of the intellectual. What place does a person with \"excess brain\" have in a world that would economize on \"lean brain\"? Without a good answer to this, learning as we understand it in higher education will fall into ruin. While it is easy to read this book and laugh, it demands a serious response, or else the horrific future it envisions will creep up on us unawares, and our attempts to close our eyes and make it go away like a bad nightmare will fail.</p>					
Dr. Benjamin Smith	Languages and Cultures	promotion to Professor	Oral Tradition and Hispanic Literature: Essays in Honor of Samuel G. Armistead	Mishael M. Caspi (Editor)	Garland Publishing, Inc, 1995
<p>A mentor of mine who took a keen interest in my early research was Dr. Sam Armistead. Even though he had no direct connection to my institution, he took me under his wing and offered encouragement at a time when it was most needed. This volume of essays and studies dedicated to him is a tribute to a true "mensch" of a scholar. The collection of wisdom and shared experience in this book will be of value to professors and students interested in the oral tradition and the foundation for literature in Spain but mostly it is a valuable tome representing the relationship between a great scholar, educator and friend and the lives he influenced.</p>					
Dr. Kristine Montis	Mathematics	promotion to Professor	P. S. You're Not Listening	Eleanor Craig	Signet, 1973
<p>"P.S. You're Not Listening" is a story based on a teacher's real-life experience. I read it at the beginning of my teaching career and it deeply affected my understanding of my role as a teacher. From this story I took to heart the message that listening is fundamental to the task of teaching and that students' feelings often have a dramatic impact on what goes on in the classroom. I determined that as a teacher I would strive to listen to my students and try to understand "where they are coming from". I have found sometimes even that is not enough to help troubled students be successful. But I still believe it is important to keep trying because sometimes, like in this story, the smallest of changes can make all the difference in the world to a troubled child.</p>					

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Dr. Sean Taylor	History	tenure and promotion to Associate Professor	Parades and the Politics of the Street: Festive Culture in the Early American Republic.	Simon P. Newman	University of Pennsylvania Press, 1997
<p>I chose this book because Simon Newman does a fantastic job showing us what history can and should be. _Parades and Politics_ argues the Early Republic was not a world where the Founding Fathers were busy ruling and other Americans were powerless spectators. In fact, the rich display of parades, festivals, feasts and songs enabled ordinary Americans to experience national politics. By participating in this world, ordinary, average citizens were not \"bit players\", but central to the development of a national political culture and that political parties owe their existence in part to these common people so often ignored in more traditional history.</p>					
Dr. Andrew Marry	Biosciences	tenure	Plant Cell Walls : From Chemistry to Biology	Peter Albersheim, Alan Darvill, Keith Roberts, Ron Sederoff, Andrew Staehelen	Garland Science, 2009
<p>This book quite simply covers all of my research interests in that it provides an in-depth view of the microanatomy, biosynthesis, and molecular physiology of theses cellular structures, both in the life of the plant and in their use for bioproducts and biofuels. I would make a fantastic point of references for any students who tapes an upper level class from me and for any research student in my group.</p>					
Dr. Olgin Fuat Sahin	School of Business	promotion to Professor	The Black Book	Orhan Pamuk	Vintage, 2006
<p>Even though this book may start like a thriller, it delivers much more than that by providing multiple angles within the context of rapid changes in a society and culture that melt seemingly contradictory values.</p>					