Books

Radical Equality in Education: Starting Over in U.S. Schooling
By Joanne Larson
Routledge, 2014

Larson, the Michael W. Scandling Professor of Education and chair of teaching and curriculum at the Warner School, raises basic questions about the nature and purpose of schooling. She calls for fundamental reform of curricular, pedagogical, and assessment principles, pointing to examples in the Rochester region of what those changes might look like in practice.

Why Is English Literature? Language and Letters for the Twenty-First Century
By Thomas Bonfiglio ’72
Macmillan, 2013

Bonfiglio, professor of literature and linguistics at the University of Richmond, explores why literature, once routinely taught in the United States in the original language, came to be dominated by English literature, with non-English literature configured as foreign language study.

Integrating Music into the Elementary Classroom (Ninth Edition)
By William Anderson ’63E, ’65E (MM) and Joy Lawrence
Cengage Learning, 2014

Anderson, professor of music education at Kent State University, coauthors an updated edition of the classic elementary music methods textbook. Among other updates, the edition includes new sections on the integration of technologies such as tablet computers, smartphones, cloud-based resources, and social media in music teaching and learning.

My Search for the Beloved Community
By David Atwood ’63
Peace Center Books, 2013

Atwood, Houston peace activist and founder of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, chronicles his search for the “beloved community,” as envisioned and described by Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in his speeches and writings.

Prize Winners
By Dale Dapkins ’68
Absolutely Amazing eBooks, 2012


Musicianship: Composing in Band and Orchestra
Edited by Clint Randles and David Stringham ’03E, ’11E (PhD)
GIA Publications, 2013

Stringham, assistant professor of music at James Madison University, coedits a collection of essays by 35 teachers and composers on the importance of composition in instrumental music instruction, from elementary through college levels. The book includes a variety of lesson plans.

Studying Students: A Second Look
Edited by Nancy Fried Foster
American Library Association, 2013

Foster, a research associate in Rochester’s anthropology department, edits and contributes to a series of essays by University librarians on how college students use libraries and library technology in completing research papers. The essays, based on ethnographic research at the River Campus Libraries, point to multiple applications for research university libraries.

The Smiths of Pohoganut
Edited by Marian Ragan Halperin ’46
Martha’s Vineyard Museum, 2013

Halperin, former director and longtime volunteer at the Martha’s Vineyard Museum, transcribes and edits the diaries of two sisters who inhabited the neutral island during the War of 1812. The sisters reflect on political events, as well as private matters, offering a window into the daily lives of Vineyarders during a time of conflict and change.

Celtic Spirit: A Wee Journey to the Heart of It All
By Jeanne Crane ’70
CreateSpace, 2013

Crane presents a work of travel fiction, in which a group of Americans embarks on a 12-day tour of ancient sites in Ireland. Written from the multiple perspectives of the travelers, the book explores “the very heart of the Celtic spirit.”

The Emancipation of Abraham Lincoln XL-3000 and Other Stories
By Robert Bly ’79
CreateSpace, 2013

Copywriter Bly presents a collection of science fiction stories.

Gludman’s Proof
By Matthew Marullo ’94E (MA)
CreateSpace, 2013

Marullo, a music teacher at Cold Spring Harbor High School on Long Island, offers his second novel, a mystery in which four scientists attempt to prove mathematically the existence of heaven.
Letters to a Young Math Teacher
By Gerald Rising ’48, ’51 (Mas) and Ray Patenaude
CreateSpace, 2014
Rising, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus at the University of Buffalo, and Patenaude offer new math teachers a guide to “the real world of schools,” based on their experiences in urban, rural, and suburban schools, and work with math teachers.

Ways of War: American Military History from the Colonial Era to the Twenty-First Century
By Matthew Muehlbauer ’89 and David Ulbrich
Routledge, 2013
Muehlbauer, visiting professor of history at Manhattan College, and Ulbrich introduce students to American military history, examining military development in the wider context of American history and demonstrating the military’s central role in American culture and politics.

Bride at First Sight
By Maggie Adams
Boroughs Publishing, 2013
Margaret Blank Birth ’85, writing under the pen name Maggie Adams, offers a contemporary romance about an Indian-American girl unhappy with her impending arranged marriage.

Via Corsa Car Lover’s Guide to Northern California
By Ron Adams ’88
Via Corsa, 2013
In the third travel book in his Car Lover’s series, Adams explores Napa and Sonoma Valley wineries, as well as the region’s automotive museums and racetracks. The book includes an interview with champion race car driver Mario Andretti.

Documentary’s Awkward Turn: Cringe Comedy and Media Spectatorship
By Jason Middleton
Routledge, 2013
Middleton, director of film and media studies and assistant professor of English at Rochester, explores the subgenre of contemporary film and television comedy based on awkward moments and awkwardness. The book is part of the series Routledge Research in Cultural and Media Studies.

Spanish Sojourns: Robert Henri and the Spirit of Spain
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Telfair Books, 2013
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Developing High Performance Tennis Players
By Edgar Giffenig
Neuer Sportverlag, 2013
In a book edited by retired teacher and tennis coach Edward Letteron ’52, Giffenig shares training tips designed for competitive tennis players and their coaches. Giffenig is a former national coach in the United States, Germany, and Mexico, and is director of the Giffenig Tennis Academy in Salisbury, Conn.

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Jazz Project, 2013
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Phoenix Rising, 2013
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Runs: A Piano Fantasy
By Robert Dusek ’84E and Bryan Pezzone ’84E
Ravello Records, 2013
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By Peter Fletcher ’95E (MM)
Centaur Records, 2013
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