

New & Noteworthy List for April 2018

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1. Higher Education In Texas: Its Beginnings to 1970

By Charles R. Matthews

Provides a broad historical view of higher education in Texas, highlighting important legislation passed in support of higher education, particularly the Permanent University Fund. Includes chapters on religious colleges, state normal schools and colleges, and community/junior colleges, as well as examining historical access to higher education for women, African Americans, and Hispanics.

University of North Texas Press, 2018. 326 pages.

378.764 M432 2018

2. Decarcerating America: From Mass Punishment to Public Health

By Ernest Drucker, ed.

Compiles policy ideas from across the criminal justice reform movement, exploring how America can move from mass incarceration to reform of the entire criminal justice process, from arrest and sentencing to inmate rehabilitation, prisoner re-entry, support for mental health and drug treatment issues, and new industries to replace the prison economy. Approaches mass incarceration using a public health model, examining primary interventions to prevent incarceration, secondary interventions to make prison conditions more humane, and tertiary interventions to address the impact of mass incarceration on entire communities.

The New Press, 2018. 309 pages.

364.60973 D84D 2018

3. Unhealthy Politics: The Battle over Evidence-Based Medicine

By Eric M Patashnik, Alan S. Gerber, Conor M Dowling

Asserts that the U.S. medical system is not basing many new treatments and medical decisions on sound science. Argues that despite government efforts to promote evidence-based conclusions, treatments and procedures are adopted with little or no fact-based evidence and analysis, due to a combination of partisan debates, an influential medical industry, and a public burdened with rising medical costs. Notes that the pharmaceutical and health products industries consistently top federal campaign contributions, causing tremendous pressure on policy makers to maintain the health care status quo.

Princeton University Press, 2017. 223 pages.

362.1 P27U 2017

4. The Broken Spoke: Austin's Legendary Honky-Tonk

By Donna Marie Miller

Recounts the history of the Broken Spoke, the renowned Austin music venue and dance hall, through the eyes of the owners and those who frequented it regularly. Highlights its impact on the community and the Texas Legislature, noting both Republican and Democratic lawmakers could often be found there on Legislators' and Speakers' nights.

Texas A & M University Press, 2017. 212 pages.

792.709765 M613B 2017

5. Tattooed on My Soul: Texas Veterans Remember World War II

By Stephen M Sloan, Lois E. Myers, and Mchelle Holland, editors.

Profiles a cross-section of Texas veterans who gave eyewitness

testimony to Baylor University's Institute for Oral History about their World War II experiences. Details first-hand accounts of a diverse group of Texas veterans from each branch of the military who lived through World War II. Documents not only war time stories, but also pre-war and post-war experiences of these Texas veterans.
Texas A&M University Press, 2015. 275 pages.
940.54 SL52T 2015

6. Newell's History of the Texas Revolution

By Rev. Chester Newell

Presents a new edition of *History of the Revolution in Texas, Particularly of the War of 1835 & 1836*, originally published in 1838. Provides an account of the Texas Revolution by Chester Newell, who interviewed participants such as Sam Houston and Mrabeau B. Lamar a year after the events. Includes a section on the geography, topography, statistics, and other characteristics of Texas in the mid-1830s intended for potential immigrants.
Copano Bay Press, 2015. 186 pages.
976.4 N442 2015